LICENSING BOARD 17th April, 2013

Present:- Councillor Wootton (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Barron, Beck, Buckley, Donaldson, Doyle, Falvey, Foden, Goulty, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Havenhand, McNeely, Read, P. A. Russell and Sangster.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodson, Robinson and Swift.

Q61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

Q62. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD HELD ON 20TH MARCH, 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Board held on Wednesday 20th March, 2013, were considered.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record.

Q63. LICENSING SERVICE - PROPOSED FEE INCREASE, 2013/14

Further to Minute No. 49 of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 13th February, 2013, consideration was given to a report presented by the Licensing Manager outlining the proposed licensing fee increases to be effective from 1st April 2013 in relation to Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles and Private Hire Operators.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the following licensing fees in relation to Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles and Private Hire Operators be approved with effect from 1st April, 2013:-

Application Fee £112.00 (vehicles under the age of 5 years, licensed for 1 full year)

Application Fee £56.00 (vehicles over the age of 5 years, licensed for 6 months)

Private Hire Operators

1 to 3 vehicles	£142.00
4 to 20 vehicles	£190.00
21 to 40 vehicles	£449.00
Over 40 vehicles	£661.00

Q64. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That the following items be considered in the absence of the press and the public as being exempt under the provisions of the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and the prevention of crime).

Q65. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Licensing Board considered a report presented by the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the grant and renewal of hackney carriage / private hire drivers' licences in respect of Messrs. J.H., M.B., A.H., A.U., M.A. and A.M.

Messrs. J.H., M.B., A.H., A.U., M.A. and A.M. all attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the application for the grant of a driver's licence in respect of Mr. A.U. be approved and he be granted a licence for three years.

- (2) That the licence in respect of M.B. be renewed for twelve months and he be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct.
- (3) That the applications in respect of Messrs. A.H., M.A. and A.M. be refused.
- (4) That consideration of the licence in respect of J.H. be deferred until the meeting of the Licensing Board to be held on Wednesday, 12th June, 2013.