

**LICENSING BOARD
11th June, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Dalton (in the Chair); Councillors Andrews, Beck, Buckley, Cutts, Foden, Havenhand, Parker, Reeder, Reynolds, Roddison, Sangster, Sharman, Sims and Swift.

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor Dodson) and from Councillors Doyle, Ellis, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton and McNeely.

P1. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE LICENSING BOARD

Members placed on record their appreciation of the services to the Licensing Board of the former Chair, Councillor Wootton and the former Vice-Chair, former Councillor Barron.

P2. LICENSING BOARD - FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

Further to Minute No. 15 of the Annual Council Meeting held on 6th June, 2014, Members discussed the future arrangements and organisation of the Licensing Board, including the use of sub-committees of five Members to consider matters relating to applications for hackney carriage and private hire licences. The full Board membership will continue to meet on a quarterly basis, beginning in September 2014, particularly for consideration of licensing policy and related matters. The first meeting of the sub-committee will be held on Wednesday 9th July 2014.

Resolved:- That the revised arrangements be noted.

P3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

P4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Board held on Wednesday 14th May, 2014, were considered.

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

P5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

P6. 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, renewal and review of hackney carriage / private hire drivers' licences in respect of Messrs. P.J.A., W.H., M.M.H., M.B.A.M., A.K. and K.J. (the latter concerning the suspension of a driver's licence).

Messrs. P.J.A., W.H., A.K. and K.J. all attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Board.

Members noted that the application in respect of M.M.H. had been deferred until a future meeting and the application in respect of M.B.A.M. had been withdrawn.

The Licensing Board discussed the matter of notices relating to road traffic incidents, which are issued by the Police to vehicle drivers, but which do not usually result in convictions. Such notices are not available to the Licensing Board when considering licence applications. It was therefore agreed that the availability of such information, which may assist Members in their decision-making, be discussed at a future meeting of the full Licensing Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the application for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. P.J.A. be approved and he be granted a licence for three years.

(2) That the application for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. W.H. be approved and he be granted a licence for twelve months.

(3) That the revocation of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. A.K., as determined at Minute No. Q48(2) of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 11th December, 2013, be affirmed.

(4) That the suspension of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. K.J. shall remain in place, pending the outcome of the further investigations by the South Yorkshire Police, as now reported.