

REGULATORY PANEL

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2012 AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Bell (Chairman) Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson (as substitute for Councillor Mrs Warwick), Bell, Cape, Craig, Ms Franklin, Layden, Mrs Parsons, Scarborough and Mrs Vasey.

RP.29/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Morton, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Warwick.

RP.30/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

RP.31/12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2012 be noted.

RP.32/12 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph number (as indicated in brackets against each minute) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

RP.33/12 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – ALLEGED OFFENCES

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 7)

The Licensing Officer submitted report GD.50/12 regarding a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver who had allegedly carried out an offence.

The Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver (the Driver), was in attendance at the meeting.

The Acting Legal Services Manager outlined the procedure the Panel would follow. The Driver confirmed that he had received and read the Licensing

Officer's report. The Acting Legal Services Manager advised the Driver that he had a right to be represented but he indicated that he did not wish to be so represented.

The Licensing Officer outlined the Driver's licensing history and the alleged offences. The Driver had voluntarily lodged his two driving licences and vehicle licence with the Licensing Manager whilst the Police investigation took place.

The Driver addressed the Panel.

The Licensing Officer reminded the Panel of the relevant Legislation and outlined the options open to the Panel.

The respective parties then withdrew from the meeting whilst the Panel gave detailed consideration to the matter.

RESOLVED – That, having given detailed consideration to the matter and taking into account the Driver's statement and his licensing history, the Panel agreed to confirm the continued suspension of the Driver's hackney carriage and private hire driving licences until 21 November 2012 pending investigation by the Licensing Office in conjunction with the Police, without prejudice to any further action the Panel may take following the outcome of the investigation. If the Police decide to take no further action prior to 21 November 2012 the Licensing Manager has delegated authority to return the Driver's licences.

(The meeting ended at 2.40pm)