

## **REGULATORY PANEL**

**WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2013 AT 2.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Bell (Chairman) Councillors Allison, Cape, Craig, Morton, Mrs Parsons, Scarborough, Mrs Stevenson Mrs Warwick and Whalen

**OFFICERS:** Acting Legal Services Manager  
Licensing Officer

### **RP.09/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Layden

### **RP.10/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

### **RP.11/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2013 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **RP.12/13 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.13/13 APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE** (Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 7)

The Licensing Officer submitted report GD.14/13 regarding an application to drive a Hackney Carriage.

The applicant, DD, was in attendance at the meeting.

The Acting Legal Services Manager outlined the procedure the Panel would follow. DD confirmed that he had received, read and understood the Licensing Officer's report. The Acting Legal Services Manager advised DD 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 application, his offences and the number of points on his current endorsed licence. DD had successfully passed the Local Knowledge Test and DVLA Drivers check, DSA driving test and medical test.

DD addressed the Panel and outlined the background to the offences to which he had pleaded guilty and been given a total of 18 penalty points in May 2010. DD explained that,

after considering DD's plea of exceptional circumstances, the Magistrates had agreed not ban him from driving but had imposed a fine and issued 6 penalty points in respect of each of the 3 offences. He explained to the Panel that he had wanted to be Hackney Driver for some time and had a job waiting for him if he was granted a licence.

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 Applicants statement and his motoring convictions, the Panel agreed to grant the application for a Hackney Carriage Driving Licence.

(The meeting ended at 2.25pm)