

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE A
HELD ON 30TH JULY 2013 AT 10.00 A.M.**

P Councillor Chris Davies
P Councillor Jay Jethwa (in the Chair)
A Councillor Mike Langley
P Councillor Jeff Lovell (for Cllr Langley)
A Councillor Ron Stone

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49.7/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillor Langley, substitute Councillor Lovell; and Councillor Stone.

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50.7/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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51.7/13 PUBLIC FORUM

Nothing was received.

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**52.7/13 CONSIDERATION OF THE SUSPENSION OF COMMITTEE
PROCEDURE RULES (CMR 10 AND 11) RELATING TO THE
MOVING OF MOTIONS AND RULES OF DEBATE FOR THE
DURATION OF THE MEETING**

RESOLVED - that having regard to the quasi-judicial nature of the business on the agenda, those Committee Rules relating to the moving of motions and the rules of debate (CMR 10 and 11) be suspended for the duration of the meeting.

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53.7/13 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the 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 Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

**PSP
54.7/13**

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE SEEKING DEPARTURE FROM BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL POLICY – MA

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 6) considering an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage licence which seeks a departure from Council policy.

AA attended on behalf of MA.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone. Referring to paragraph 3, she confirmed that the date of the appointment referred to was 24th October 2012 (and not 24th October 2013 as stated).

AA put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- He apologised for not renewing licence
- He has never had any previous problems
- The engine on the vehicle had blown up and he had had it replaced; it later developed and oil leak and when he took it back to the garage where the repairs were carried out he was advised that the person who did the repairs was away; when he next returned the garage had ceased trading

- He then took the car elsewhere and was quoted £500 to carry out the repairs
- At this time his Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence was revoked for a period of 4 months and although it was reinstated on appeal he was unable to work pending the appeal (When challenged about this statement by the Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services, he confirmed that he could in fact have continued to work pending his appeal.)
- He is part proprietor of the vehicle and now wants to get it back on the road as a taxi

The Licensing Officer stated that had the vehicle remained on the road it could have used until 2016 – the end of the transitional period.

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services explained that grandfather rights were expected to allow the gradual replacement of vehicles. The Applicant appeared to be asking Members to allow an exemption to their Policy for the vehicle or the reinstatement of the grandfather rights.

AA stated that he is the owner of the vehicle and that had he not lost his licence it would have remained plated.

AA stated that he had attended the appointment at the Licensing Office on 24th October 2012. The Licensing Officer advised Members that there was a file note stating that he had not attended and that he was to be charged an attendance fee.

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services stated that if AA is the owner of the vehicle MA should not be on the proprietor register.

AA stated that MA has grandfather rights.

The Licensing Officer advised MA was initially shown as the owner of the vehicle and AA having a declared interest in the vehicle. AA never had ownership of the vehicle as far as we were concerned.

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic

Services stated that there are no grandfather rights attached to this vehicle and the Applicant must therefore argue that an exception should be made to the Policy in his case. Any exception must not undermine the Policy.

The Licensing Officer stated that had BCC known about the change of ownership of the vehicle it is very unlikely the vehicle would have been registered as a Hackney Vehicle as it has no grandfather rights.

AA summed up his case stating that he had assumed he had grandfather rights.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 1.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that the application be refused.

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55.7/13**

REPORT OF A CONVICTION RECEIVED BY THE HOLDER OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – YR

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 7) determining if any action is required as a result of a conviction received by the holder of a Private Hire Driver (PHD) licence.

YR was in attendance, accompanied by his Solicitor and a Representative of the NTA.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone. She advised everyone that YR is the holder of a

Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence (not a Private Hire) and that all references in the report to a Private Hire Driver's Licence should be changed to read Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. She also stated that paragraph 5 of the report should be deleted as it does not apply. A Hackney Carriage Driver is not required to declare this information until the time of the licence renewal. This is considered a Major Traffic Offence.

His Solicitor for YR put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- YR does not intend to appeal his sentence
- YR accepts that the Committee's duty is protection of the public
- The Courts viewed a four months suspension as appropriate punishment for the offence
- The Committee was requested to consider YR's case on compassionate grounds
- YR has been a taxi driver for five years and has a wife and child to support
- YR is required to take an extended test, meaning that the Court considered that his driving skills should be examined, although he can sit this before the end of his period of disqualification
- The Committee was requested to suspend rather than revoke the licence held by YR

YR stated that his job is livelihood and explained his version of the incident, although it was noted that the Court decided that he had driven through a red light causing a collision with a pedestrian.

The NTA Representative asked that the Committee consider the case on compassionate grounds as it will be financially difficult for YR if he is prevented from working.

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services reminded Members that their role is that a regulator and

not to impose punishment. Members have the right to expect a higher standard of driving from holders of a taxi licence than from other private motorists. The purpose of their Policy is to protect the public.

His Solicitor summed up the case for YR asking that the Members consider whether or not YR is likely to commit the same offence again.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 2.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by YR be revoked under Section 61 (1) (b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Any Other Reasonable Cause, as he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

**PSP
56.7/13**

**REPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE – JA**

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 8) considering an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver (PHD) licence.

JA attended on behalf of MA.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone and explained that under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act the conviction is not spent for ten years, although the Policy suggests that he could be granted a licence.

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services advised Members that their Policy relates to regulation and not punishment. The offence does not relate to his work as a taxi driver.

JA put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- The instrument in question was a false passport
- The offence took place eight years ago
- He had arrived in this country as an asylum seeker and had not been entitled to benefits
- He had been sold the false passport to enable him to work
- He was then discovered and although threatened with deportation, was later granted asylum and citizenship
- He pleaded guilty in court and spent four months in prison
- He summed up his case

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 3.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that JA be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him passing the other elements of the fit and proper test.

**PSP
57.7/13**

**REPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE – HL**

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 9) considering an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver (PHD) licence.

HL was in attendance, accompanied by a friend.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

HL put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- He came to this country in 2004 and his English was not good
- A woman who knew through the work he was doing at the time came to visit him at the place he was living; she was seventeen to eighteen years old
- He asked her if she wanted a drink; she started smoking and he told her she should not smoke and if she did he would tell her mother; she hugged him
- Later he was arrested by the Police and had his DNA taken; it was five to six months before the case came to Court and he pleaded guilty; he was accused of kissing her, but he only hugged her; he did not know about the law
- He is now working as bus driver, but wants to be a taxi driver
- He summed up his case

His friend spoke on his behalf saying that she has known him for three years and he is honest, trustworthy and considerate. He told her about the incident.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision

are set out in Appendix 4.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that HL be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him passing the other elements of the fit and proper test.

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58.7/13

REPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE – JS

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 10) considering an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver (PHD) licence.

JS was in attendance.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

JS put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- He had previously been stabbed by a bouncer during an incident at a club although he did not report the incident to the Police; he later encountered the person who was in a hairdresser's in Easton; he had a knife in his possession at the time but had no intention of using it
- He regrets the incident as it was a stupid mistake and he is more mature now, has a son to look after and has not been in any other trouble
- He lost his licence on a totting up basis during the first year he held a licence
- He has been offered work by a taxi company

- He summed up his case

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 5.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that the application by JS for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused as he has not convinced the Council he is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

**PSP
59.7/13**

REPORT OF THE CONVICTION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER – MA

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 11) considering whether any action is necessary following a conviction.

MA was in attendance, accompanied by his Solicitor, a Representative of the NTA and two witnesses.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Enforcement Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone. He added that MA is a Gold Badge Holder.

MA's Solicitor put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- He tabled additional papers, which are contained in the Minute Book
- He also produced photographs of the ramps in use on the day of the incident and the new ramps purchased since

- MA saw the woman and the chair and assessed the weight of the chair; he did a safety assessment and made the decision that it would be unsafe to try to get the chair into his car, although he now accepts that this was a mistake; he took the environment and surroundings into account when making the decision; he called over a marshall and took the woman to the taxi behind; there was no rudeness or abruptness
- He had an incident two weeks previously when the wheels of a chair got stuck on his ramps and he did not want to risk a repeat of this incident
- He was having family problems at the time of the incident
- He works with disabled customers and takes a number of wheelchair passengers every week; his father is disabled and a nephew has cerebral palsy
- He pleaded guilty in court and did not provide mitigation to the court
- He has financial problems and loves his job; he has helped a lot of people and the Police
- The Committee could give MA a warning as this was a mistake

Witness One stated that he uses MA a lot and that he is always pleasant and helpful.

Witness Two stated that wheelchair users are encouraged to travel independently and MA is used a lot for these type of journeys.

MA's Solicitor summarised the additional papers and confirmed the name of MA's employer.

MA explained the circumstances of the incident and that after the incident he became concerned about the ramps.

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services explained that the new Gold Standard Test included training on how to deal with disabled people and wheelchairs.

The Enforcement Officer stated that there are a lot of refusals to

take wheelchairs but very few users lodge complaints.

M A's Solicitor summed up his case.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 6.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - (i) that the case be adjourned for a period of three months;

(ii) that MA be requested to contact the Licensing Office and book himself on the Gold Standard Test; and

(iii) that should he successfully complete the Gold Standard Test by the end of the three month period the case need not be brought back to the Committee.

**PSP
60.7/13**

**APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE
DRIVER'S LICENCE – EC**

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 12) considering an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

EC was in attendance.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Enforcement Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

EC put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- He has been driving since 1976 and has worked for the company for a number of years
- He picked up two passengers; he accepts that he broke the law but it was the first time he has done it and will never do it again
- The other six points on his licence related to three for speeding and three for parking on zig-zag lines
- He summed up his case

The Representative of the Service Director, Legal and Democratic Services advised members that their Policy states six months free of conviction for illegal plying for hire and a period twelve months following the restoration of a licence for disqualification under totting up. The Applicant has to persuade Members to make an exception to their policy in his case.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 7.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that EC be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence for an initial period of one year, however should he receive any further penalty points on his licence during this period, the matter is to be brought back before the Committee for its consideration.

**PSP
61.7/13**

REPORT OF THE CONVICTION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – HAH

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda Item No. 13) considering whether any action is necessary in respect of a private hire driver's licence.

HAH was in attendance.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Enforcement Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

HAH put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- He is sorry for the offence
- He booked the job himself, but (he found out that) this is not allowed
- He did not attend the previous Meeting because he was in London at the time
- It was a misunderstanding and he will not do it again
- He summed up his case

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 8.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that the Private Hire Driver's Licence held by HAH be suspended for a period of three months.

**PSP
62.7/13**

REPORT OF A CONVICTION RECEIVED BY THE HOLDER OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE – JM

(Exempt paragraph 3 – Information relating to person's financial or business affairs)

The Sub-Committee considered an exempt report of the Director of Neighbourhoods (Agenda item no. 14) determining if any action is

required as a result of a conviction received by the holder of a Hackney Carriage Driver (HCD) licence.

JM was in attendance, accompanied by his solicitor and a Representative of the NTA.

The Chair explained the procedure that would be followed and everyone introduced themselves.

The Enforcement Officer introduced the report and summarised it for everyone. He provided verbal details of the incident and the punishment - Cautioned, required to attend a Change Course, required to pay £200 and banned from a mapped area other than for work purposes.

The Representative of the service Director, Legal and Democratic Services advised members that their Policy covers offending behaviour including Cautions.

JM's Solicitor put his case and answered questions highlighting the following:

- JM had learnt from attending the Change Course
- He accepts that a dim view is taken of the incident
- He was having difficulties with his marriage at the time and agreed with the suggestion of the Undercover Police Officer; he was cautioned and arrested; he was not working at the time but was using his car
- He has financial commitments at home and in Pakistan; he has worked for 20 years and this is his main livelihood

JM stated that he has worked as taxi driver in South Gloucestershire since 1998 and in Bristol since 2008. He is very sorry for what happened and it will never happen again.

The NTA Representative made a statement in support of JM.

JM's Solicitor summed up his case.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development left the room.

Details of the Committee's findings and reasons for the decision are set out in Appendix 9.

All parties and the representatives of the Director of Neighbourhoods and City Development returned to the room to hear the decision of the Committee.

RESOLVED - that the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by JM be revoked as he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

INFORMATION ITEM

PSP

63.7/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED - that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd September 2013 at 10.00 a.m. and is likely to be a meeting of Sub-Committee B.

(The meeting ended at 5.15 pm.)

CHAIR

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION
SUB-COMMITTEE A
HELD ON 30th JULY 2013 AT 10.00 AM****PSP 54.7/13****Agenda Item No: 6****Agenda title****APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE
SEEKING DEPARTURE FROM BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL POLICY – MA****Decision**

That the application be refused.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

They noted that the vehicle does not have any grandfather rights and that they were therefore being requested to make an exception to their Policy.

They noted that the vehicle is eleven years old, has sustained mechanical damage, has no current MOT, they were not able to view it and it does not have European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval.

They did not consider that they were presented with enough evidence to persuade them to make an exception to their Policy and therefore refused the application.

Chair's Signature

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION
SUB-COMMITTEE A
HELD ON 30th JULY 2013 AT 10.00 AM****PSP 55.7/13****Agenda Item No: 7****Agenda title****REPORT OF A CONVICTION RECEIVED BY THE HOLDER OF A
HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – YR****Finding of Fact**YR was convicted of driving without due care and attention on 17th June 2013.**Decision**

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by YR be revoked under Section 61 (1) (b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Any Other Reasonable Cause, as he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

Members noted that their Policy specifies a conviction free period of two years following the restoration of the DVLA Licence. They did not consider that they had heard enough evidence to persuade them to set aside their Policy in this case. They also noted that as YR is required to pass an extended test before his DVLA Licence is restored and therefore the date of restoration of the licence is not known at present.

They therefore decided to revoke his Hackney Carriage Licence as he is no longer considered a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

Chair's Signature

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING
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SUB-COMMITTEE A
HELD ON 30th JULY 2013 AT 10.00 AM****PSP 56.7/13****Agenda Item No: 8****Agenda title****REPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE
DRIVER LICENCE – JA****Finding of Fact**

JA was convicted of possessing and/or using a false instrument by Bristol Crown Court on 3rd January 2006.

Decision

That JA be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him passing the other elements of the fit and proper test.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

Members noted that although his sentence was not spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, their Policy does not prevent the issue of a licence.

Members therefore agreed to grant him a licence subject to him passing the other elements of the fit and proper test.

Chair's Signature

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

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PSP 57.7/13

Agenda Item No: 9

Agenda title

**APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE –
HL**

Finding of Fact

HL was and given a Conditional Discharge for sexual assault on 3rd March 2005.

Decision

That HL be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him passing the other elements of the fit and proper test.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

Members noted the circumstances of the incident and that it went to Court on 3rd March 2005.

Members therefore agreed to grant him a licence subject to him passing the other elements of the fit and proper test.

Chair's Signature

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING
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SUB-COMMITTEE A
HELD ON 30th JULY 2013 AT 10.00 AM****PSP 58.7/13****Agenda Item No: 10****Agenda title****APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE –
JS****Finding of Fact**

JS was found guilty of possessing a knife at Bristol Crown Court on 7th July 2009.

Decision

That the application by JS for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused as he has not convinced the Council he is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

They noted their Policy. They also noted with concern that he was carrying a knife even though he claimed he had no intention of using it. They did not consider that they were provided with enough evidence to set aside their Policy in this case and convince them that JS is a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

They therefore refused the application.

Chair's Signature

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HELD ON 30th JULY 2013 AT 10.00 AM****PSP 59.7/13****Agenda Item No: 11****Agenda title****REPORT OF THE CONVICTION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER – MA****Finding of Fact**

MA was given a conditional discharge by Bristol Magistrates on 10th July 2013 for refusing to carry a wheelchair passenger.

Decision

That the case be adjourned for a period of three months;
That MA be requested to contact the Licensing Office and book himself on the Gold Standard Test;
That should he successfully complete the Gold Standard Test by the end of the three month period the case need not be brought back to the Committee.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.
Members noted that this was a one off incident and that MA pleaded guilty. They also noted that he carries a lot of wheelchair passengers and the evidence provided by the witnesses.
They considered however that he did not handle the situation very well because he may not have received the same level of training that is available to newer drivers. They considered that he would benefit from taking the Gold Standard Test as it includes a section on accommodating electric wheelchairs. They therefore agreed to adjourn his case for a period of three months to enable him to successfully pass the Gold Standard Test.

Chair's Signature

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING
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SUB-COMMITTEE A
HELD ON 30th JULY 2013 AT 10.00 AM****PSP 60.7/13****Agenda Item No: 12****Agenda title****APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
– EC****Finding of Fact**

EC pleaded guilty to Illegal Plying for Hire and Having No Insurance at Bristol Magistrate's on 2nd January 2013.

Decision

That EC be granted a Private Hire Driver's Licence for an initial period of one year, however should he receive any further penalty points on his licence during this period, the matter is to be brought back before the Committee for its consideration.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

They noted his largely previous good record of work as a taxi driver. They had concerns about his recent driving record and therefore decided that they would only initially grant him a licence for one year. They also decided if he receives any further penalty points on his licence during that time, the issue should be brought back before them for consideration.

Chair's Signature

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PSP 61.7/13

Agenda Item No: 13

Agenda title

REPORT OF THE CONVICTION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – HAH

Finding of Fact

HAH pleaded guilty to Illegal Plying for Hire and Having No Insurance at Bristol Magistrate's on 29th May 2013.

Decision

That the Private Hire Driver's Licence held by HAH be suspended for a period of three months.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

They noted that this was his first offence and that he pleaded guilty.

They therefore agreed to make an exception to their policy in his case and suspend his licence for a period of only three months.

Chair's Signature

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

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PSP 62.7/13

Agenda Item No: 14

Agenda title

REPORT OF THE CONVICTION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER – JM

Finding of Fact

JM received a Caution for “Kerb Crawling”. He was also required to attend a “Change Course”.

Decision

That the Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence held by JM be revoked as he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

Reasons for Decision

Members considered very carefully all of the written and verbal evidence presented to them.

Members considered that JM presents a risk to the public and therefore decided to revoke his Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence as he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

Chair’s Signature