

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

2 JUNE 2011

Present:

Councillor R.W. Sider (Chairman)

Councillors: R.B. Colison-Crawford and Mrs I. Napper

159/11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Act indicated below.

160/11 EXEMPT REPORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT MR MOHAMMED AZIZ IS A FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO RETAIN A PRIVATE HIRE OR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE

The Chairman introduced Members and Officers present and welcomed Mr Aziz to the meeting and asked if he would be represented and/or calling any witnesses. Mr Aziz stated that he would represent himself.

The Licensing Manager presented the report of the Head of Environmental Health and Building Control Services and outlined the matter before the Sub-Committee. The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether Mr Aziz was a fit and proper person to retain a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage driver licence.

The meeting then proceeded in accordance with the procedure which accompanied the Agenda for the meeting.

The Sub-Committee resolved to adjourn the hearing for a short period in order to consider correspondence received by the Council in relation to the Staines station taxi rank and the Council's response to it.

The Sub-Committee re-convened to continue the hearing and the solicitor reminded the Sub-Committee that the purpose of the hearing was to consider the breaches outlined in the report of the Head of Environmental Health and Building Control Services. The Sub-Committee then resolved to adjourn to consider its decision.

Upon reconvening the Chairman gave the summary decision of the Sub-Committee. He advised that the full decision with reasons would be notified to Mr Aziz in writing within fourteen days and that he had a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

RESOLVED that the Licence issued to Mr Aziz to drive a Hackney Carriage vehicle be suspended for a period of 21 days, for the reasons set out in the full decision notice to be provided within fourteen days of this Sub-Committee.