

TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE26 March 2003
(10am – 12.55 pm)**PRESENT:** Councillors Knowles (Chair), Liddle and Overhill**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**03/TXL/06 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2003 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/TXL/07 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Hipkin, with Councillor Liddle attending in his stead.

03/TXL/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

03/TXL/09 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that if they were present there would be disclosure to them of information defined as exempt from publication by paragraphs 7 and 14 as defined in the Council's Constitution part 4b (pages 154 and 55).

03/TXL/10 **TO REVIEW THE STANDING OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVING LICENCES**

The Taxi Licensing Officer presented a report which requested the Sub-Committee to consider whether an individual was a fit and proper person to be a licensed driver. The Taxi Licensing Officer in presenting the report called two witnesses. The driver, who was represented, called three witnesses in his defence.

Having heard the case put by the Taxi Licensing Officer, the representations from the individual and statements from witnesses, the Sub-Committee adjourned to consider its decision and was advised by the Council's Legal Officer.

Resolved -

That no further action be taken because of a lack of evidence.

The Sub-Committee agreed that taxi firms operating in the city should be reminded that racism will not be tolerated and such incidents must in future be reported to the Council and will be investigated.

03/TXL/11 **TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO BECOME A LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER**

The Taxi Licensing Officer presented a report which requested the Sub-Committee to consider whether or not an individual could continue with an application to re-enter the taxi trade, having had his licences revoked in January 2001. The applicant and a supporter were present and put their case in support.

Having heard the case put by the Taxi Licensing Officer and the representations from the applicant, the Sub-Committee adjourned to consider its decision and was advised by the Council's Legal Officer.

Resolved -

That the individual's application be permitted. However, if the individual is found to contravene any of the Council's rules, the Council will be minded to have the licences revoked.

The meeting ended at 12.55pm.

CHAIR