PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

17 JANUARY 2013

PRESENT

Councillor C. Candish (in the Chair). Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), D. Bunting, M. Freeman, D. Jarman, J. Smith, N. Taylor, P. Myers and Mrs. J. Wilkinson.

In attendance Solicitor (D. Glinka), Solicitor (D. Goldstein), Senior Licensing Officer (S. Bate), Democratic Services Officer (I. Cockill).

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 20th December 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40. URGENT BUSINESS

(Note: The Chairman allowed consideration of the following matter as an item of urgent business to enable the Sub-Committee to consider a proposed amendment to the Council's Penalty Point System for Licensed Hackney Carriage Drivers at the earliest opportunity.)

Review of the Council's Penalty Point System for Licensed Hackney Carriage Drivers

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report proposing amendments to the Penalty Points System to address parking in excess of the permitted numbers at ranks within the Borough.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the amount of penalty points awarded against the driver of any Hackney Carriage Vehicle which is parked at a rank in excess of the permitted number be increased from 25 points to 50 points.
- (2) That the Penalty Points System also be amended as follows:

"When a total of 150 penalty points has been award against a particular driver or a particular vehicle proprietor, the driver and/or owner may will be invited reported to the Public Protection Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee has the option of suspending or revoking the driver or proprietor licence if it considers necessary."

41. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

42. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for the grant of a Private Hire driver's licence. The applicant attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

RESOLVED: That Mr. A.S's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be refused.

43. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for the grant of a Private Hire driver's licence. The applicant attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

RESOLVED: That Mr. B.M.A's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be refused.

44. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting an amendment to the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 16th December 2010.

RESOLVED: That resolution at Minute No. 55 of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 16th December 2010 be amended to read as follows:

"That should Mr. H.T. acquire any further offences up to December 2013 he shall be automatically referred back to the Sub-Committee for consideration."

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.24 pm