

Present

Councillor R A Baker (In the Chair)

Councillor D M Blades
Mrs F M Greenwell

Councillor K G Hardisty
J Noone

Also in attendance

Councillor Mrs I Sanderson

LHP.1 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 26 September and 21 October 2011 (LHP.4 - LHP.7 and LHP.8 – LHP.9), previously circulated, be signed as correct records.

LHP.2 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

THE DECISION:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business at minute no LHP.3 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Panel was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

LHP.3 **REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The Head of Regulatory Services asked the Panel to consider whether to revoke a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver licence.

Alternative options considered:

The Panel considered whether any action needed to be taken and, if so, whether to revoke the hackney carriage/private hire driver licence.

The reason for the decision:

The Panel took into account the relevant representations of the parties, verbal and written, the relevant legislation and the Council's Vehicle and Driver Licensing Policy.

Having heard all the evidence the Panel noted that the driver accepted that the incident complained of had occurred and also his reasons for not notifying the Council immediately.

Although the Panel had concerns about the incident it did not believe, in all the circumstances of the case, that the public safety was in any way compromised as a result.

THE DECISION:

The Panel:-

- (1) decided not to revoke the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence;
- (2) reminded the driver about his future conduct and the need to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct for licensed drivers.

The meeting closed at 1.50 pm.

Chairman of the Panel