



REGULATORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, 23 February 2016 at 1.30 pm in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Jane Robinson

Item Business

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)

The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

3. **Appeals and Prosecutions** (Pages 3 - 4)

Report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services and Governance

4. **New Applications for vehicles over 3 years old to be licensed** (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment

5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Committee may wish to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds indicated:-

Item No

**Paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the
Local Government Act 1972**

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6. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Issues (Paragraph 7) (Pages 7 - 42)

Report of the Strategic Director Communities and Environment

	Reference	Issue
1.	RC/02/16	Application for the Grant of Private Hire Driver Licence
2.	RC/03/16	Application for the Grant of Dual (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) Driver Licence

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Date: Tuesday, 16 February 2016

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 26 January 2016

PRESENT: Councillor K Dodds

Councillors: W Dick, C Bradley, M Brain, D Davidson,
B Goldsworthy, B Oliphant and M Ord

R1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Charlton and Councillor A Thompson.

R2 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting held on 15 December 2015 be approved as a correct record.

R3 APPLICATION FOR APPROVED PREMISES STATUS

The Committee received a report applying for approved premises status on behalf of Saltwell Towers for the premises to be approved as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and registration of civil partnerships.

The premises have been inspected by the representative of the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance and reviewed by the Service Director, Development and Public Protection. The premises satisfy the requirement to be a seemly and dignified venue for the proceedings in accordance with the Marriages and Civic Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2015. There were no objections to the application.

RESOLVED - that the application be approved.

R4 APPEALS AND PROSECUTIONS

The Committee received a report on licensing related appeals and prosecutions during the period 1 December 2015 to 8 January 2016.

RESOLVED - that the information be noted.

R5 NEW APPLICATIONS FOR VEHICLES OVER 3 YEARS OLD TO BE LICENSED

The Committee received a report on new applications for vehicles over 3 years old to be licensed as Private Hire Vehicles/Hackney Carriages.

The Council's Constitution states that the Regulatory Committee may grant licenses for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles where the application does not meet the Council's standard conditions, but having regard to all relevant information, it is determined that the individual circumstances justify deviation from policy.

RESOLVED - that the application be approved

R6 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

R7 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING ISSUES (PARAGRAPH 7)**

This item was withdrawn and therefore was not considered at the meeting.

Copies of all reports and appendices referred to in these minutes are available online and in the minute file. Please note access restrictions apply for exempt business as defined by the Access to Information Act.

The decisions referred to in these minutes will come into force and be implemented after the expiry of 3 working days after the publication date of the minutes identified below unless the matters are 'called in'.

Publication date: DeadlinePubminutes

Chair.....

TITLE OF REPORT - **Appeals and Prosecutions**
REPORT OF - **Mike Barker, Strategic Director, Corporate Services & Governance**

The Committee is requested to consider the attached report on licensing related appeals and prosecutions during the period 9 January 2016 to 8 February 2016.

Appeals against Committee decisions

Appellant	Court	Date	Decision being appealed	Court's decision
N/A				

Appeals against delegated decisions

Appellant	Court	Date	Decision being appealed	Court's decision
N/A				

Appeals against Court decisions

Defendant	Court	Date	Decision being appealed	Result
N/A				

Prosecutions

Defendant	Court	Date	Offence	Result
N/A				

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TITLE OF REPORT - **New Applications for Vehicles Over 3 Years Old to be Licensed**
REPORT OF - **Paul Dowling, Strategic Director, Communities and Environment**

It is the Council's policy that when a vehicle is first registered with Gateshead Council as a Private Hire Vehicle or Hackney Carriage it shall be no more than three years old; and that the age of the vehicle will be determined as follows –

- (i) if not previously used on a road anywhere in the world: date of first registration with DVLA
- (ii) if previously used on a road anywhere in the world (e.g. an imported vehicle): the date of manufacture.

This supports the Council's Climate Change Strategy, which states that one of its priorities is the provision of high quality green transport options and the promotion of their use; including by "Seek[ing] to increase levels of investment in public transport" (priority 4 key action 21 - <http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/DocumentLibrary/Environment/Strategies/ClimateChangeBooklet2010.pdf>).

The Council's Constitution states that the Regulatory Committee may to grant licences for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles where the application does not meet the Council's standard conditions, but having regard to all relevant information, it is determined that the individual circumstances justify deviation from policy.

The Committee is requested to consider the attached report on applications for vehicles that are over the age of three years to be licensed as Private Hire Vehicles / Hackney Carriages.

Vehicles to be Considered:

Applicant	Vehicle Make and Model	Registration Mark	MOT Supplied	Date and Time of Vehicle Test	Vehicle Test Result	PHV/HC	Recommendation
Mark William Taylor	Peugeot Partner Tepee	SF10 LNZ	To be presented	12 February 2016, 07.45am	TBC	HCV 096	Grant subject to double test pass.
Rashid Saleem	Skoda Octavia S TDI CR	FY61 JTU	To be presented	29 January 2016, 7.45am	1	HCV004	Grant
Alan Curry	Ford Focus	FX12 XRO	To be presented	16 February 2016, 07.45am	TBC	PHV011	Grant subject to double test pass.

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