



REGULATORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, 26 April 2016 at 1.30 pm in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Jane Robinson

Item Business

1. **Apologies**

2. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 4)

The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 29 March 2016.

3. **New Applications for Vehicles over 3 Years Old to be licensed** (Pages 5 - 6)

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

4. **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:-

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

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5. **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Issues (Paragraph 7)**
(Pages 7 - 28)

	Reference	Issue
1.	RC/07/16	Renewal of Private Hire Driver Licence
2.	RC/08/16	Review of Private Hire Drive Licence

Report of the Strategic Director Communities and Environment

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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

PRESENT: Councillor K Dodds (Chair)

Councillors: C Bradley, M Brain, M Charlton, D Davidson,
B Goldsworthy, M Ord, A Thompson and N Weatherley

R52 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dick and P Ronan.

R53 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a true record.

R54 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining business in accordance with the indicated paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

R55 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING ISSUES
(PARAGRAPH 7)**

RESOLVED:

- i) That the application for a Dual Driver Licence referred to in report RC/04/16 be granted (unanimous).
- ii) That the Private Hire Driver referred to in report RC/05/16 be permitted to retain his licence but that he be issued with a written warning regarding his conduct.
- iii) That the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence referred to in report RC/06/16 be granted with a written warning.

Councillor K Dodds declared a personal interest in respect of RC/05/16 (as the applicant was known to him) and therefore did not participate in the consideration and vote relating to this matter.

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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	Any other information
Claim It Limited	Skoda Superb	GK61 SFJ	No	18 April 2016 10.45am and 11.30am	2	PHV 105	Saloon

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