

## **TAXI AND GENERAL LICENSING PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2005**

**Present:** Councillors P C Connolly (Chairman); R S Cole; J E Prince; and J G Sunderland.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S J Meteer (Deputy Chairman); N Clarkson; and P D Tyson.

Officer: C A Boyce, Legal Services Manager.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **TGLP 1      Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** - That pursuant to Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

#### **TGLP 2      Grant of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence**

The Panel considered an application, by MA, for a hackney carriage driver's licence. It was noted that MA had been refused a licence in February 2004 due to a conviction for possessing a class B controlled drug. An appeal to the Magistrates' Court at that time was unsuccessful with the Court agreeing with the Panel that a period of 18 months should be allowed to elapse between conviction and the grant of a further licence. It was noted that, of that 18-month period, 16 months had now elapsed. The applicant outlined the circumstances of the offence to the Panel adding, in mitigation, that he did not know that the body building supplement contained the drug, that the conviction had already had a serious personal effect on him and that, since conviction, he had been conviction free. After consideration of the matter it was

**RESOLVED** – That subject to an application in the required form being submitted, and all other application criteria being satisfied, that a new licence be granted for a period of 12 months.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

Chairman.