

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee  
30 July 2014**

**Present:**

R.W. Sider (Chairman)

Councillors M. Bushnell and M.W. Rough

**209/14          Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved that under Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Act indicated below.

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual and on the basis that publication would not be in the public interest because information and documentation is personal and subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

**210/14          Exempt report to determine whether Mr Ghayur Abdul is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage driver licence.**

The Chairman introduced the councillors and officers present and welcomed Mr Ghayur Abdul to the meeting and asked if he would be represented and/or calling any witnesses. Mr Abdul stated that he would be representing himself and had no witnesses.

The Licensing Enforcement officer presented the report of the Assistant Chief Executive in summary and outlined the matter before the Sub-Committee. The purpose of the hearing was to consider and determine whether Mr Abdul was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage driver licence.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the procedure which accompanied the Agenda for the meeting.

Mr Abdul provided a mobile telephone number for his regular customer who he claims had made a booking with him on 16 May 2014.

The Sub-Committee then resolved to adjourn to consider its decision.

The Council's solicitor telephoned the number of the regular passenger in the presence of Mr Abdul for the purposes of verifying his version of events. The call was diverted to a voicemail service.

Upon reconvening the Chairman gave the decision of the Sub-Committee. He advised that the full decision with reasons would be notified to Mr Abdul in

writing within fourteen days and that he had a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

**Resolved** not to take any action in respect of Mr Ghayur Abdul's hackney carriage driver licence, for the reasons set out in the full decision notice to be provided within fourteen days of this Sub-Committee.