

LICENSING BOARD, 20 FEBRUARY 2003

Present: - Councillors Daniel (In the Chair), Hart (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Soan), Pragnell (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Charlesworth) and Rushbrook.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charlesworth, Lock and Soan.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared an interest in the following item: -

Councillor	Minute No.	Interest
Daniel	45(E) Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licence- DR816	Personal

44. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business listed below because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of “exempt” information as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 referred to in the relevant report.

Minute No.	Subject Matter	Paragraph No.
45(E)	Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licence- DR816 Ill Health – Failure to Report Ill Health	4

45(E) HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENCE – DR816 ILL HEALTH, FAILURE TO REPORT ILL HEALTH

The Head of Environment and Highways reported on a currently licensed driver whose licence renewal application had not been determined on the basis of her medical records.

He explained that the driver's previous licence had been extended until the Board made its decision, but during this extended period the licence had been suspended and the driver had not been permitted to drive a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle.

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The Licensing Board was asked to consider whether she was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence in view of her ill health, taking prescribed medication that could affect her fitness to drive, associated alcohol abuse and the failure to notify the Council of these issues.

The driver was not in attendance, but due to the seriousness of the matter the Board agreed to hear the case in her absence.

RESOLVED – (By 3 votes to 1) that the renewal application for Driver No. DR816 be granted and suspended immediately upon renewal for a period of six months expiring on 20 August 2003. During this period the driver is required to undertake a medical examination by a qualified psychiatrist and obtain and produce a report in writing stating her fitness to drive a hackney carriage / private hire vehicle. The Driver is required to meet the costs of the medical examination. Upon expiry of the period of six months or upon production of a medical report (whichever is the earlier) the matter will be brought back before the Board for determination. The Driver is requested to attend.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm)