

**GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

**PRESENT** – Councillor L. Vasey (in the Chair) Councillors B. Jones and Lawton. (3)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors L. Haszeldine, C.L.B. Hughes, D. Jones, Lee, J. Lyonette, Newall, Nutt, Stenson, Thisthlethwaite and J. Vasey. (10)

**L30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

**L31. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC – RESOLVED** – That, pursuant to Sections 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraphs 1, 7 and 14 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**L32. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH NOS 1 AND 7)** – The Director of Place submitted a report (previously circulated) inviting Members to consider a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

**(1) Ref. No. 25/12** – Pursuant to Minute Number L29(2)/Dec/2012 a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence following a number of complaints about the driver's conduct. This application was due to be considered at the last meeting of the Committee but due to the driver requesting an adjournment Members agreed to defer the application for consideration at this meeting. The driver had received six complaints in six month and the driver addressed the meeting and responded to Members questions in relation to the complaints and provided clarification.

After careful consideration, Members expressed grave concerns at the number of complaints about his behaviour and in particular the fact that he confirmed he had retaliated towards some members of the public by using inappropriate language. Members seriously considered whether to revoke the licence and believed that the driver should seek assistance in dealing with his temper by means of an anger management course or something similar.

**RESOLVED** – That the licence be retained with a final warning letter in respect of future conduct and warned that if any further complaints or any convictions, cautions, warning and reprimands are received they would be referred immediately to the Licensing Committee.