

HACKNEY CARRIAGE SUB COMMITTEE
31 JULY 1997

Present: Councillors Beadsley, Blatchford,
Egan, North, Mrs Pile and Veakins

Councillor Simonds also attended.

1 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Egan be elected Chairman of the Sub Committee.

COUNCILLOR EGAN IN THE CHAIR

2 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Pile be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub Committee.

3 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Sub Committee held on 19 February, 22 April and 24 April 1997 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject (in relation to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April) to the deletion of Councillor Mrs Clifford from the list of members present and the amendment of "6090" to "28" in Minute 41.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Borough Engineer & Surveyor reported on a matter relating to Minute 30.

5 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing - Annual Report (Item 1)

The Borough Engineer & Surveyor submitted to the Sub Committee the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Annual Report for the 1996/97 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

6 Meetings with Hackney Carriage Trade and Owner/Operators (Item 2)

The Sub Committee received the notes of the meetings held with representatives of the Hackney Carriage Trade held on 8 July 1997 and representatives of the Hackney Carriage Owner/Operators held on 15 July 1997 and officers answered questions thereon.

RESOLVED that the notes of the meetings with representatives of the Hackney Carriage Trade held on 8 July 1997 and representatives of the Hackney Carriage Owner/Operators held on 15 July 1997 be received.

7 Calendar of Meetings 1997/98 (Item 3)

RESOLVED that for the remainder of the 1997/98 Municipal Year meetings be scheduled on the following dates:

Wednesday 12 November 1997
Thursday 19 February 1998.

8 Guidance Notes for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Operators and Drivers (Item 4)

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor submitted for information a copy of the Guidance Notes for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Operators and Drivers, together with a summary, and answered questions thereon.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9 **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following items, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following categories of schedule 12 A of that Act:

(12) Information in connection with possible legal proceedings (Items 5 & 6)

10 **Matters Arising from the Minutes - Exempt Matters (Item 5)**

The Borough Engineer & Surveyor reported on matters relating to Minutes 35 (Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence No 63), 36 (Operator's Licence No 8/96) and 41 (Mr D J W - Review Offence).

RESOLVED that

- (i) the action of taken by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor in relation to Minutes 35 and 41 be noted; and
- (ii) in relation to Minute 36 (Operator's Licence No 8/96) the licence be renewed until 12 November 1997.

11 **Review Offence - Mr A.R.G, Mr S.W.P and Mr R.F.A.L.**

The Borough Engineer & Surveyor reported on the circumstances relating to a driver driving a hackney carriage without a valid dual driver's licence.

In accordance with Council procedures Messrs A.R.G., S.W.P. and R.F.A.L. had been invited to attend the meeting and were present to state their case.

RESOLVED that no formal action be taken, but the Sub Committee's disappointment with the operator in not ensuring that the driver had renewed his driver's licence be recorded.

The meeting commenced at
5.30pm and concluded at 6.47 pm.

CHAIRMAN