MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT -

Councillor N. Butterworth (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

D. Clegg

M. Hanif

M. labal

C. Jowett

(Apologies were received from Councillors M. Arshad, J. Cooney, G. Roach and K. Shore)

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The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the following item –

Mr Oakes Penalty Points Scheme Minute No. 5

11. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(1) Mr Oakes presented a petition, signed by 57 hackney carriage drivers, asking the Council to hold separate meetings with the Hackney Carriage trade.

The Chairman explained that it would be difficult to schedule a further two quarterly separate taxi trade meetings into the Councils Committee timetable, but if the Hackney Carriage Trade wanted to discuss any matters they could contact the Taxi Licensing Department and they would meet with the trade.

(2) Mr Oakes requested the Council undertake an independent review of the services and delivery of the Taxi Licensing Department and also a review of working times of the office, staff hours and who does what.

The Chairman explained that the councils was at present review its services and in the process of restructuring departments.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 19th June 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

14. PENALTY POINT SCHEME

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted, for information, details of the penalty points which had been imposed since the last meeting.

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.

16. INTERVIEWS

Report on MSK

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of MSK. MSK holds an operator's licence the report details information regarding MK who works for MSK.

RESOLVED

That having regard to the convictions recorded against MK, the following conditions must be placed on MSK's operator's licence:-

- (1) MK is not at any time allowed within 100 metres of the office
- (2) MK not to enter or drive any private vehicles or hackney carriages being operated.

Report of MA

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of MA

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred till Thursday 18th September 2014

Report of KHS

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of KHS.

RESOVLED

That having regard to the evidence presented KHS's private hire vehicle licence be revoked.

Report of WA

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of WA.

RESOLVED

That no action be taken.

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Report of KA

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of KA.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence be refused due to the convictions recorded against KA.

Report of NA

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of NA

RESOLVED

That having regard to the convictions recorded against NA, 12 penalty points be awarded to his private hire drivers licence and 9 penalty points to his operator's licence.

Report of AA

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of AA

RESOLVED

That having regard to the conviction recorded against AA, 12 penalty point be awarded to his private hire licence.

Report of FZ

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of FZ.

RESOVLED

That the application for a Private Hire Licence be refused due to the convictions recorded against KA.

Chairman:		