

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL

Monday, 19th June, 2006

Present: Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Chairman), Cllr D J Aikman, Cllr O C Baldock, Cllr M A Coffin and Cllr P J Drury.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

**LA
06/016** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

**LA
06/017** **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That, as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matter be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

**DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE
CONSTITUTION**

**LA
06/018** **CASE NO. 06/01: HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S
LICENCE
(Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 1 - information relating to an
individual)**

The Chief Solicitor reported that six complaints had been received that the standard of driving of the driver identified in the report fell below the standard expected of a licensed taxi driver. The Investigations Officer outlined the allegations to the Panel. The driver attended the meeting and explained the circumstances of the incidents referred to. He informed the Panel that, in one instance where the police had been involved, he had been advised that no further action would be taken. His employer also spoke to the Panel and explained that he had attempted to persuade the driver to modify his driving habits, especially on 'school runs'.

The Panel found that there was serious concern about the driver's standard of driving, especially relating to the speed of driving and the use of a mobile telephone in the vehicle.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the driver be placed on probation for a period of 12 months;
- (2) the driver be advised that, during the period of probation, he is expected to conduct himself properly and abide by all legal requirements;
- (3) the driver be advised that, in the event of receipt of any similar complaints during the period of probation, the case would be brought back to the Panel and, at that time, consideration would be given to revocation of the licence; and
- (4) in any event, the case be brought back to the Panel after 12 months for further review.

The meeting ended at 2030 hours
having commenced at 1945 hours