

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT MEETING**

**Draft Minutes of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee Meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at Monkton Park Chippenham commencing at 9:30 am in Committee Room D**

**Sub-Committee Councillors Present:**

Councillor A. M. Bucknell ..... Chairman  
Councillors M. Rousell and J. M. Wood

**Officers Present:**

H. Braid (Policy and Democratic Services Officer), M. Doran, (Environmental Health Team Leader), L. May (Policy and Democratic Services Assistant), J. Tarry (Licensing Officer), and P. Taylor (Assistant Solicitor)

**LRS11. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. M. Moore.

**LRS12. Membership**

There were no changes to membership of the Sub-Committee.

**LRS13. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions**

None.

**LRS14. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members present.

**LRS15. Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (circulated with the agenda).

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**LRS16. Chairman’s Announcements**

None.

**LRS17. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved** that under Section 100A(4) of The Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item of business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act as follows and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

<b>Agenda Item/Report Name</b>	<b>Paragraph(s) of the Act/Schedule Describing the Exemption</b>
Agenda Item 8 – Suspension of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence	Paragraphs 1 and 7

**LRS18. Suspension of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence**

Consideration was given to Report No.8 (circulated with the agenda) which asked the Sub-Committee to consider a further suspension of a driver’s Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence.

The Chairman explained the procedure for the hearing that would be followed.

The driver and his taxi operator were in attendance to answer any questions raised by Members.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The options available to the Sub Committee;
- The views of the taxi operator; and
- The appeal procedure available to the driver.

**Resolved** that

- (1) The driver’s Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver’s licence not be further suspended.
- (2) That this matter be kept under review until the conclusion of Police investigations.

Reason: In the interests of the safety of the people of North Wiltshire.

Admin Note

*The Sub Committee would wish to accept the operator's proposals for the management of the driver during the period of investigation and request that any relevant training issues be addressed.*

The meeting started at 9.30am and finished at 10.10am.

There were 2 members of the public present.