

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
6 JUNE 2012**

Present :- Councillor Mike Hogg (Chairman)
Councillors Mary Blandon and Dave Harris

5. Appointment of Chairman

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

The Committee resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the following items as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

7. Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Appeal

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services concerning a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's appeal against the automatic suspension of his hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence following the accumulation of more than 12 penalty points on his licence. The Licensing and Enforcement Manager and the appellant attended, presented their cases and then withdrew for the Committee to consider the matter and make its determination.

RESOLVED that having heard the evidence presented and carefully considered the points made, the Committee determined to dismiss the appeal and uphold the suspension of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence under Section 61(1) (b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The decision was made on the grounds that the appellant had failed to comply with the Council's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers' Penalty Point Scheme and that the breaches of the scheme were so serious as to pose a potential threat to the safety of the travelling public.