LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (TRAFFIC MATTERS)

MEETING, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2015

Present – Councillors Donaghy (Chairman), Chadwick, C. Burrows and Haslam.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Byrne and Wild.

Councillor Donaghy, Chairman.

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 15th September, 2015 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 (financial and business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

10. MISCONDUCT BY LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LERSC/05/15

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided details of one driver who had been convicted of offences during the period of his licence.

The driver and his representative attended the meeting.

Resolved **–** (i) That in respect of report numbered LERSC/05/15 the licence to drive a private hire vehicle be

suspended until the renewal of the driver's private hire licence on 16th October, 2015 on the basis that the Sub-Committee are not satisfied that he is a fit and proper person to hold a licence at this time.

In coming to its decision the Sub-Committee was mindful of its duty to protect the public and the offence, from July, 2014 of failure to give information as to the identity of the driver is a serious traffic offence under the Council's Policy.

The Sub-Committee decided to disregard the alleged speeding offence on the advice of the Licensing Officer.

There is therefore reasonable cause to suspend the licence as a warning and a deterrent.

(The meeting started at 2.00pm and finished 2.50pm)