

Committee: LICENSING

Date: 12th September 2007

Agenda Item No: 4

Title: CONSIDERATION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE/APPLICATION FOR COMBINED HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

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Summary

This report informs members of a situation where the holder of a hackney carriage driver's licence has committed an offence under s. 57(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in that he gave false information on an application for a combined hackney carriage/private hire vehicle drivers licence and of events which occurred after the offence was committed.

Situation

- 1 On 9 August 2007, Mr Wand submitted an application for a Joint Private Hire/ Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.
- 2 At the time of this application Mr Wand, of 25, Craigavon Road, Grovehill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 6BA, was the holder of a Hackney Carriage Licence (H/C Licence Number 333. Issued by this Authority on 26.03.07, expiring 31.03.08). This new application was to enable him to work for Stansted Airport Cars, Airways House, Stansted Airport, Essex, as a Private Hire Driver.
- 3 In this application by Mr Wand, he states at paragraph 7, that his last employment was as a brain surgeon and his date of leaving this particular employment was given as 24 July 2007. As with all applications, if required, MrWand would have to give antecedent details relating to his previous employment.
- 4 Approximately 09.30 on Wednesday 15 August, Martin Ford (UDC licensing Enforcement Officer) telephoned Mr Wand and requested details of his previous employment in relation this application. At this Mr Wand became abusive and told Mr Ford to cross out brain surgeon and put Taxi Driver in its place. Mr Ford said to Mr Wand that this was an official bone fide application and that he would not alter it. At this Mr Wand became very abusive insisting Mr Ford change his application. When Mr Ford said that he would not and that the application would be rejected unless Mr Wand could furnish the required information, Mr Wand would have to re-apply, Mr Wand swore at Mr Ford and then slammed the phone down.

Recommendations

The Committee determine

- 1 whether a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence should be issued to Mr Wand at this stage;
- 2 if a joint licence is not issued to Mr Wand at this stage whether his hackney carriage drivers licence should be revoked or suspended