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Equality & Human Rights Policy and Procedure

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POLICY STATEMENT:

To provide contact, information, guidance and resources in relation to Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Issues throughout Seaforth Radio Cars & their staff.

ACCOUNTABLE DIRECTOR: Company Director – Kenneth Evason

POLICY AUTHOR: Lee Evason, Company Director

Written in accordance with the Equality Act 2010

1. Overview

SRC Taxis Ltd is committed to offering opportunities to all persons based solely on competence and individual merit, and not on any irrelevant factor such as age, sex, sexual orientation, race, creed, colour, nationality, disability, background or social status.

No job applicant or employee will be discriminated against by us on the grounds of:
Gender (including sex, marriage, gender re-assignment); Race; Disability; sexual orientation; religion or belief or age.

The policy applies to the following key areas:

Recruitment, Working conditions, Training & Promotion

2. Protected Characteristics

For the purpose of this policy, "protected characteristic" shall mean:

Race, Religion, Creed, Colour, Political views, Nationality, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexuality or sexual preference, Marital status, Age, Disability, Personal or home life.

3. Recruitment

3.1. Advertising

All jobs and positions will be advertised as widely as is reasonably practicable, to ensure that applicants come forward from a wide variety of backgrounds and walks of life.

SRC Taxis will not restrict the advertising of any job or position to any publication, place or medium which would exclude or disproportionately reduce applications from any particular race, age, gender or religion.

No job or position will be advertised in such a way, or with such requirements or prerequisites that it shall exclude or discourage applications from any particular gender or age group, or from persons of a particular marital status.

3.2. Short-listing

When short-listing applicants for interview, SRC Taxis will take into consideration only the applicant's qualifications, experience and suitability for the role.

Insofar as possible, names, ages, dates of birth and other irrelevant information should be obscured or removed from application forms prior to short-listing to avoid inadvertent or unintentional discrimination.

All CV's or application forms which are rejected at short-listing should be reviewed by an independent third party, to ensure that no suitably qualified candidate is rejected on grounds relating to a protected characteristic.

3.3. Interview

Interviewers will not ask questions which relate to any protected characteristic. Interviewers will ask all applicants the same set questions to ensure equal treatment as far as possible. Where an applicant identifies himself as having a disability, the Company will make all necessary adjustments to accommodate him at interview.

3.4. Selection

Clear and consistent selection criteria and scoring grids should be used. Selection for employment should be based solely on merit and the ability of the individual to do the job.

4. Working environment

The working environment, terms of service or rate of pay of any employee shall be determined solely with reference to his qualifications, experience, the job role undertaken, and the conditions enjoyed by other staff of the same grade. No protected characteristic shall be used as a pretext or motivation to treat an employee in any way differently from his colleagues.

5. Training

All employees shall be entitled to training or career development opportunities in line with their colleagues at the same level, who undertake a substantially similar job role. No employee shall be denied training or career development opportunities for any reason relating to a protected characteristic.

6. Promotion

The principles applicable to recruitment shall apply equally to promotion. Promotion shall be solely on the basis of competence, proven ability, and length of service, experience and ability. No person shall be denied or offered promotion for any reason relating to a protected characteristic.

7. Grievances

Where any employee feels that he or one of his colleagues has been treated in a way which breaches this policy, he shall be entitled to bring a formal complaint under the Company's grievance procedure.

8. Victimisation discrimination and harassment.

SRC believe that Equality is good practice and makes sound sense and any breaches of our equality policies will be regarded as misconduct and could lead to disciplinary procedures.

SRC Taxis commitment is to create an environment in which individual differences and the contributions of all our staff, drivers are recognised and valued.

The policy is fully supported by the management of SRC Taxis and reviewed and monitored annually.

All views from both staff and customers will be taken into account and reviewed by the senior person responsible for the policy and any actions taken accordingly.

The senior person responsible for the policy and its implementation is:

Name: Kenneth Evason

Position in Company: Director