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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 19 January 2023
10.00 am

Members:

Councillor Churchill, Chair

Councillor Tofan, Vice Chair

Councillors Haydon, Partridge, Rennie, Tuffin and one Conservative Vacancy.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Tracey Lee

Chief Executive

Taxi Licensing Committee

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022.

4. Chair's Urgent Business

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. Appeal Cases

The Committee will be provided with the results of the judgement on appeal cases that went to Court.

6. Exempt Information

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and the public from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Part II (Private Meeting)

Agenda

Members of the Public to Note:

That under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Member of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

7. Confidential Minutes

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To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022.

8. Application for the Grant of a Restricted Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence:

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 1 December 2022

PRESENT:

Councillor Churchill, in the Chair.
Councillors Partridge, Rennie and Tuffin.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Haydon and Tofan.

Also in attendance: Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer, Legal Services), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer, Intelligence and Licensing) & Hannah Whiting (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.54 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

49. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

50. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of 3 November 2022 as a correct record.

51. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

52. **Appeal Cases**

There had been 1 appeal case since the last Committee meeting. The appeal had been dismissed.

53. **Exempt Information**

The Committee agreed to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and the public from the meeting from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

54. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of 3 November 2022 as a correct record.

55. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee having:

- considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- heard from the applicant and heard the responses to questions raised;
- taken the following into account:
- the law, policy and factual information contained in the report;
- all that was said by the applicant;
- asked itself whether it would want a person they cared for or a vulnerable person to be driven in a vehicle driven by the applicant. The answer to that question was no.

The Committee agreed to revoke the licence as the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

(Please note, there is a confidential part to this minute)

The following relates to exempt or confidential matters (Para(s) 1, 2, 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Govt Act 1972). A breach of confidentiality could prejudice the Council/person/body concerned & might amount to a breach of the councillors /employees codes of conduct.

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