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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 11 January 2024
10.00 am
Council House

Members:

Councillor Tippetts, Chair
Councillor Tuffin, Vice Chair
Councillors Dr Cree, Finn, Moore, Rennie and Tofan.

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

(Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023.

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. Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted

The Committee will be provided with the Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted.

7. 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.

8. Confidential Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)

To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023.

9. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 7 - 24)

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Tuesday 12 December 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.
Councillor Tuffin, Vice Chair.
Councillors Finn, Moore and Tofan.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Dr Cree and Rennie.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw Williams (Democratic Advisor (Observing)), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Josh Longstaff (Democratic Advisor (Observing)), Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer) and Hannah Whiting (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 13:39.

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.

63. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

64. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 and 20 October 2023 as correct records.

65. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chairs urgent business.

66. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

67. **Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted**

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

68. **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 for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt

information, as defined in paragraph 1/2/3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

69. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meetings held on 5 October 2023 and 20 October 2023 as correct records.

70. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee agreed that in order for the applicant to have a fair hearing in compliance with Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998, this hearing would be adjourned to the next available meeting.

71. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

The Committee:

- a) Considered all that was said by the driver;
- b) Considered all the information contained within the report;
- c) Considered all relevant policies referred to in the report;
- d) Asked itself whether it would want a person they cared for or a vulnerable person to be driven in a vehicle driven by the driver.

The Committee agreed to:

1. Suspend the Hackney Carriage drivers licence for 30 days;
2. Require the driver to resit the Plymouth Ambassador course within six months of the date of the decision letter.

(Please note that 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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