

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 9 May 2024

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Luggar (substitute for Councillor Finn) and Tofan.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Dr Cree, Rennie and Tuffin had all retired as Councillors since the summons for the meeting had been published. Councillor Finn also provided apologies.

Also in attendance: Michele Battershill (Lawyer), Rosie Brookshaw-Williams (Democratic Advisor) (Observing), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Nicola Horne (Service Manager), Liam Pengelly-McGowen (Legal Support Assistant) (Observing), Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer) and Hannah Whiting (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.01 pm.

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.

100. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

101. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024 as a correct record.

102. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

103. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

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

1 certificate of good conduct exemptions had been granted.

105. **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 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.

106. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2024 as a correct record.

107. **Review status of Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

The Committee having:

- a) taken into account the report from the Director of Public Health;
- b) heard from the driver and heard the responses to questions raised;
- c) considered
 - i. the allegations raised;
 - ii. all that was said by the driver;
 - iii. the driver's history;
 - iv. the law, policy and factual information contained in the report;
 - v. asked itself if would they want a vulnerable person or other person they cared about to be driven by this driver. The answer to this question was "no".

The Committee agreed to:

- I. Revoke the driver's Hackney Carriage Driver's license.

The Committee resolved to take no action against the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

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