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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 9 May 2024
10.00 am
Council House

Members:

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

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 7 March 2024.

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 7 March 2024.

9. Review status of Hackney Carriage Driver Licence: (Pages 7 - 28)

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 7 March 2024

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor Dr Cree.

Also in attendance: Michelle Battershill (Lawyer), Rosie Brookshaw-Williams (Democratic Advisor), Steve Foreshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), and Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer)

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.08 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.

91. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

92. **Minutes**

It was noted that Councillors Rennie and Finn had left the meeting on 1 February 2024 due to the fact they were not present for the case when it first came to Committee.

The Committee agreed the minutes from the meeting held on 1 February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

93. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

94. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

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

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

96. **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.

97. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

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

The Committee:

- a) Considered all that was said by the driver;
- b) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- c) Considered all of the 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 Private Hire Driver's License pending the successful completion of the Taxi Driver Standards Test.

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

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- c) Considered all of the 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:

2. Suspend the Private Hire Driver's License pending the successful completion of the Taxi Driver Standards Test.

(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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