

# Taxi Licensing Committee

**Tuesday 18 June 2024**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Gilmour, Lugger, Morton, Ney and S.Nicholson.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw-Williams (Democratic Advisor), Steve Foreshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer) and Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer).

The meeting started at 10.01 am and finished at 4.36 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.*

108. **To note the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2024 - 2025**

The Committee agreed to note the Appointment of Councillor Dylan Tippetts as Chair and Councillor Keith Moore as Vice Chair of the Taxi Licensing Committee for 2024/25.

109. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

110. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 9 May 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

111. **Chair's Urgent Business**

A minute's silence was held in remembrance of Councillor Eddie Rennie to reflect on his life and contributions to the Taxi Licensing Committee during his 25 year tenure as a Councillor for the City of Plymouth.

112. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

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

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

114. **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 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

115. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 9 May 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

116. **Review Status of a Private Hire 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. The driver's Private Hire Licence would be suspended under S19(1) (b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 until they had provided an updated DVSA Group II medical certificate.
2. The driver's Private Hire Driving Licence would be suspended under S19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 for failure to notify the Taxi Licensing Department of their medical condition for a period of 21 days to run concurrently with (1)

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

117. **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:

I. Revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

118. **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:

I. Issue a warning letter on the dangers of speeding;

2. Request the driver complete the Taxi Driver's Standards Test within 6 months of this decision.

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

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

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next available meeting.