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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 18 June 2024
10.00 am
Council House

Members:

Councillor Tippetts, Chair
Councillor Moore, Vice Chair
Councillors Gilmour, Luggier, Morton, Ney and Nicholson.

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

To note Councillor Tippetts was appointed Chair, and Councillor Moore Vice-Chair of the Taxi Licensing Committee 2024/25 at the City Council AGM on 17 May 2024.

2. Apologies

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

3. Declarations of Interest

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

4. Minutes

(Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024.

5. Chair's Urgent Business

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

6. Appeal Cases

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

7. Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted

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

8. 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.

- 9. Confidential Minutes (Pages 3 - 8)**
To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024.
- 10. Review Status of a Private Hire Driver Licence: (Pages 9 - 22)**
- 11. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 23 - 36)**
- 12. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 37 - 50)**
- 13. Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence: (Pages 51 - 118)**

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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).

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