

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 11 July 2024

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.
Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.
Councillors Morton and S.Nicholson.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Gilmour, Luggier and Ney.

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

The meeting started at 10.02 am and finished at 1.32 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.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 18 June 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

4. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

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

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

6. **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.

7. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 18 June 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

8. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage 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:

1. The driver's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence would be suspended until such time as the vehicle had received an MOT and the certificate was presented to the Licencing Office and a warning letter would be issued;
2. The driver's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence would be suspended for 30 days under s19 (1) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 for 'any reasonable cause' and a warning letter would be issued.

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The Committee agreed:

1. To allow the driver to retain his Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence and no further action would be taken in respect of this licence under s18(1) (c) Plymouth City Council Act 1975;
2. Elected to revoke the driver's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence 'for any other reasonable cause' under s19(1) (b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 as they no longer consider the driver to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage

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Driver's Licence.