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## **TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Thursday I August 2024 10.00 am Council House

#### **Members:**

Councillor Tippetts, Chair Councillor Moore, Vice Chair Councillors Gilmour, Lugger, Morton, Ney and S.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

## I. 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 I - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 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 5 - 14)
	To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2024	
9.	Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence:	(Pages 15 - 24)

10. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver (Pages 25 - 34) Licence:

## Taxi Licencing Committee

## Thursday II July 2024

## PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors Gilmour, Lugger 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 <u>agreed</u> 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 <u>agreed</u> 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 I of Part I 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 <u>agreed</u> 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 <u>agreed</u>:

- 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.

### 9. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage 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;

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 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;
- 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

Driver's Licence.

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## Agenda Item 8

The following relates to exempt or confidential matters (Para(s) 1, 2, 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Govt Act 1972). An 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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## Agenda Item 9

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# Agenda Item 10

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