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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 6 February 2025
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

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 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2025.

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 16 January 2025.

9. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 15 - 30)

10. Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence: (Pages 31 - 60)

11. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 61 - 80)

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 16 January 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Luggier, Morton, Ney, S.Nicholson and Raynsford (substitute for Councillor Gilmour).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Gilmour.

Also in attendance: Michele Battershill (Lawyer), Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor), Stephen Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer) and, Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer).

The meeting started at 10.01 am and finished at 12.30 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.

54. **Declarations of Interest**

| Name | Item | Interest |
|-------------------|------|----------|
| Councillor Morton | 9 | Personal |

55. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 21 November 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

56. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

57. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on appeal cases.

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

There had not been any certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

59. **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.

60. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 21 November 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

(Councillor Morton left the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

61. **Application for the Grant 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 by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

1. They were satisfied that there were sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct;
2. To grant the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

(Councillor Morton returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item).

62. **Application for the Grant 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 by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

1. There was no sufficient evidence to deviate from the Policy guidelines;
2. To not grant the driver a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

63. **Application for the Grant 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 by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

1. They were satisfied that there were sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct;
2. To grant the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

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

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next available Taxi Licensing Committee.

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