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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 6 March 2025
10.00 am
Council House

Members:

Councillor Tippetts, Chair
Councillor Moore, Vice Chair
Councillors Gilmour, Luggier, 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

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 06 February 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 - 12)**
- To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 06 February 2025.
- 9. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 13 - 28)**
- 10. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 29 - 38)**
- 11. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 39 - 50)**
- 12. Application for the Grant of a joint Private Hire Operator Licence: (Pages 51 - 80)**
- 13. Application for the Grant of a joint Private Hire Operator Licence: (Pages 81 - 102)**

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 6 February 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

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

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.30 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.

65. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

66. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 16 January 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

67. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

68. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on appeal cases.

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

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

70. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 16 January 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

71. **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.

72. **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. After hearing exceptional, clear and compelling reasons, to depart from their policy guidelines;
2. To grant the driver's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to the completion of the VQR in 'Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire' or its equivalent within 12 months of the licence being granted. Failure to complete may result in consideration of all available sanctions including revocation of the licence.

73. **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;
- 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. The driver's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence would have no action taken against it;
2. To suspend the driver's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for 30 days 'for any other reasonable cause' under s19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

74. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee agreed to proceed with the hearing without the driver in attendance as it was in the interests of the safety of the public that this item was not deferred.

The Committee:

- a) Noted that the driver had not attended despite indicating to the Licensing officers that he would do so;
- 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:

- I. To revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence under s19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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