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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 3 April 2025
10.00 am
Council House

Members:

Councillor Tippetts, Chair
Councillor Moore, Vice Chair
Councillors Gilmour, Lugg, 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 Thursday 06 March 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 - 16)

To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 06 March 2025.

9. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence: (Pages 17 - 28)

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 6 March 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Gilmour, Lugg, Morton, S.Nicholson and Raysnford (substitute for Councillor Ney).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Ney.

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

The meeting started at 10.02 am and finished at 3.15 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.

75. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

76. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 06 February 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

77. **Chair's Urgent Business**

The Chair extended their thanks to the Taxi Licensing Enforcement Officers for the opportunity for Members to attend a Friday night inspection.

78. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on appeal cases.

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

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

80. **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 Taxi Licensing Committee Thursday 6 February 2025 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

81. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 06 February 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

82. **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 were sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct;
- 2. To grant the driver's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

83. **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 were sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct;
- 2. To grant the driver's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

84. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next available Committee meeting.

(Councillor Raynsford left the meeting at the end of this item).

85. **Application for the Grant of a joint Private Hire Operator 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. To allow the joint application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence;
- 2. To allow the renewal application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence;
- 3. To take no further action against the driver's Private Hire Vehicle Licence;
- 4. To apply a formal comment on the driver's record ensuring the failure to renew the Private Hire Operator's Licence would not happen again.

86. **Application for the Grant of a joint Private Hire Operator 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. To allow the joint application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence;
- 2. To allow the renewal application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence;
- 3. To allow the renewal application for one of the driver's Private Hire Vehicle Licences;

4. To take no further action against the driver's other Private Hire Vehicle Licence;
5. To apply a formal comment on the driver's record ensuring the failure to renew the Private Hire Operator's Licence would not happen again.

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