

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 31 October 2013

PRESENT:

Councillor Haydon, in the Chair.

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Foster, Mrs Nicholson, Rennie and Singh.

Also in attendance: Steve Foreshaw (Licensing Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Legal Officer), Lynn Young and Ross Johnston (Democratic Support Officers).

The meeting started at 10.10 am and finished at 1.35 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.

57. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Bowyer declared a personal interest part way through the meeting because she knew the representative for MK.

58. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2013 are confirmed as a correct record.

59. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

60. **APPEAL CASES**

The committee was advised that there had been no new appeal cases since the last meeting.

61. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Agreed that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and 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 paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I Schedule 12a of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

62. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES (E3 AND E7)**

Agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2013 are confirmed as a correct record.

63. **LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - CMS (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from CMS;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by CMS into consideration.

The committee agreed that -

- (1) having taken the above into account CMS will be given a warning which will remain on file indefinitely and will be brought to councillors' attention if CMS appears before them in the future;
- (2) CMS's probationary period as a driver will be extended for a further 12 months.

(Please note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

64. **LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - DSH (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from DSH and his representative;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by DSH and his representative into consideration.

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend DSH's private hire driver's licence for five days in total under Section 19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

(Please note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

65. **LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - MK (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;

- (b) heard from MK and his representative;
- (c) had sight of testimonies from MK's wife, daughter and employer;
- (d) took the above report and all that was said by MK and his representative into consideration

The committee agreed to issue MK with a severe warning to apply to both licences which will remain on file indefinitely and will be brought to councillors' attention if MK appears before them in the future.

(Please note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

(Councillor Mrs Bowyer declared a personal interest in respect of this item)