

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 20 February 2014

## PRESENT:

Councillor Haydon, in the Chair.

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.

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

Also in attendance: George Curness (Licensing Officer) (am only), Steve Foreshaw (Licensing Officer) (pm only), Sharon Day (Legal Officer), Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 4.35 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.*

## 93. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

## 94. **MINUTES**

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

## 95. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 96. **APPEAL CASES**

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

## 97. **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.

## 98. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES (E3 AND E7)**

Agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

99. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE - GP (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Strategic Director for People;
- (b) heard from GP.

The committee having taken the above items into account agreed to grant GP's application for a private hire operator's licence.

100. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MS (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend MS's private hire driver's licence for a period of three days under Section 19(1)(b) of Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

101. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AR (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Strategic Director for People;
- (b) heard from AR.

The committee agreed to grant AR's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to AR completing any remaining prerequisites, and also the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licensed.

102. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - GM (E3 AND 37)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Strategic Director for People;
- (b) heard from a witness;

- (c) heard from GM;
- (d) took the above report and all that was said by both parties into consideration.

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account GM's Hackney Carriage driver's licence is suspended for a period of five days under Section 19(1)(b) of Plymouth City Council Act 1975, and he will be required to pass the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the next 12 months.

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

103. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SA (E3 AND 37)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence is refused.

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

104. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - VB (E3 AND 37)**

The Licensing Officer advised the committee that VB had withdrawn his application for a private hire driver's licence.