

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 18 September 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Jarvis, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Nicholson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Foster, Fry, Rennie, Singh and Mrs Aspinall (substitute for Councillor Bowie).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Bowie.

Also in attendance: Andrea Gilbert (Legal Officer), Mark Small (Licensing Officer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.33 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.

53. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Mrs Nicholson as Vice Chair for this particular meeting.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

55. MINUTES

Members reviewed the minutes and Councillor Rennie commented that minute 50 should include the comment 'Note – Councillor Rennie voted against this decision'.

Agreed that subject to minute 50 being amended as above the minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

56. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

57. APPEAL CASES

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

58. **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.

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

Members reviewed the minutes and Councillor Rennie commented that minute 50 should include the comment 'Note – Councillor Rennie voted against this decision'.

Agreed that subject to minute 50 being amended as above the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

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

The committee

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from AT;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by AT into consideration.

The committee agreed to grant AT's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent, within 12 months of receiving his licence.

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

The committee

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from NH;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by NH into consideration.

The committee agreed to grant NH's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent, within 12 months of receiving his licence.

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

The committee

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;

- (b) heard from CM;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by CM into consideration.

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

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

63. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - BC (E3 AND E7)**

The committee

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from BC and his representative;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by BC into consideration.

The committee agreed that–

- (1) having taken the above into account BC is required to resit his driving test;
- (2) BC's hackney carriage driver's licence is suspended for five days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975;
- (3) BC is required to obtain the Level 2 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)