

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 19 February 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Jarvis, in the Chair.

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.

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

Also in attendance: Sharon Day (Legal Officer), Steve Forshaw (Licensing Officer) (pm only), Mark Small (Licensing Officer) (am only) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 4.18 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.

113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jarvis declared a personal interest part way through the meeting because he knew the representative for NPM.

114. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 are confirmed as a correct record.

115. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of chair's urgent business.

116. APPEAL CASES

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

117. 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 1, 2 and 3 of Part I Schedule 12a of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

118. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES (E1, 2 AND 3)

Agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 are confirmed as a correct record.

119. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AJR (EI, 2 AND 3)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant AJR's application for a hackney carriage driver's licence subject to him producing a medical certificate confirming he is fit to Group II medical standards before his licence is issued and subject also to him successfully completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licenced unless he produces proof that he has already completed that qualification.

120. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - NJR (EI, 2 AND 3)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant NJR's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing all the usual pre-requisites before his licence is issued and subject also to him successfully completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licenced.

121. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - PSB (EI, 2 AND 3)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant PSB's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing all the usual pre-requisites before his licence is issued and subject also to him successfully completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licenced.

122. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - NAH (EI, 2 AND 3)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant NAH's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing all the usual pre-requisites before his licence is issued and subject also to him successfully completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licenced.

123. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - NPM (EI, 2 AND 3)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend NPM's private hire driver's licence for a period of six days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975. A warning has also been issued which will remain on his file indefinitely and will be brought to the committee's attention if he appears before them again. He would also be required to successfully complete a VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the next 12 months unless he is able to produce evidence confirming that he has already successfully completed this qualification.

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

(Councillor Jarvis declared a personal interest in this agenda item)

124. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - APG (EI, 2 AND 3)**

The committee –

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

(b) heard from AJG;

(c) took the above report and all that was said by AJG into consideration.

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend APG's private hire driver's licence for a period of five days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975. Further APG was required to produce a copy of his NVQ/VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi or Private Hire or equivalent.

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