

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 18 June 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Jarvis, in the Chair.
Councillor Mrs Nicholson, Vice Chair.
Councillors Mrs Foster, Fry, Rennie and Singh.

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 12.45 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.

15. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

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

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

17. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2015.

18. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

19. APPEAL CASES

The committee was advised that there had been one new appeal case since the last meeting. This appeal was dismissed by the court.

20. 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.

21. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2015.

Order of business

With the permission of the Chair, the order of business was amended, as set out below in the minutes.

22. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MD**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account no further action would be taken against MD's private hire driver's licence.

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

23. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - PDB**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant PDB's application for a private hire driver's licence. They have agreed that he will be excused from completing the Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth Test. However, due to the penalty points which he has received due to motoring offences he will be required to sit the Driving Standards Test. The medical certificate will also be required because it is over twelve months since one was last produced.

24. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JPB**

The committee –

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

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant JPB's application for a private hire driver's licence. This is subject to the completion of the usual pre-requisites, namely the Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth Test, Driving Standards Test and the DVLA Group II Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive certificate. He will also be required to complete the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or its equivalent within the first 12 months of receiving his licence.

25. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - DTK**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account DTK was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence and therefore his application would be refused.

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