

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 10 September 2015

PRESENT:

Councillor Jarvis, in the Chair.

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.

Councillors Sam Davey (substitute for Councillor Rennie), Drean (substitute for Councillor Mrs Foster), Fry, Mrs Nicholson and Singh.

Also in attendance: Chris Biddle (student of law), Andrea Gilbert (Legal Officer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Licensing Officer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 4.00 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.

44. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

45. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2015.

46. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

The committee were advised that the item of business referred to at the last committee meeting was now being dealt with by the Legal department.

47. **APPEAL CASES**

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

48. **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.

49. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 6 August 2015.

50. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MNC**

The committee were advised that MNC surrendered his licence on 8 September 2015. There was therefore no licence in existence for members to consider.

Order of business

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

51. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MFH**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to revoke MFH's hackney carriage driver's licence under section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975 as he is no longer considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

52. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MP**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend MP's private hire licence for a period of 2 days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

(Councillor Fry was not present for the remaining items on the agenda)

53. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - ACB**

The committee –

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

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant ACB's application for a hackney carriage driver's licence. They have agreed that he will be excused from completing the Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth Test and the Driving Standards Test. He would be required to produce a satisfactory medical certificate, and he would also be required to complete a VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or its equivalent within 12 months of receiving his licence.

54. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AP**

The committee –

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

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

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

(Councillor Bowie left the room part-way through this agenda item and was not present for the decision making process)

55. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SN**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant SN's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to completion of the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of his licence being granted.

56. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AMI**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant AMI'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.