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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 3 March 2016
10.00 am
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

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

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

PART I – PUBLIC MEETING

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. APPEAL CASES

The Committee will be provided with the results of the judgement on appeal cases that went to Court.

6. EXEMPT INFORMATION

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE MEETING)

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

7. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

(Pages 3 - 6)

To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2016.

8. REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JPB (Pages 7 - 14)

The Director of Public Health will submit a report on a private hire driver's review of licence status.

9. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - BA (Pages 15 - 22)

The Director of Public Health will submit a report on an application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence.

10. CONSIDERATION IN PRINCIPLE TO DEPART FROM THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT LICENSING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE EURO 4 EMISSIONS REQUIREMENT FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES - ML (Pages 23 - 28)

The Director of Public Health will submit a report for consideration in principle to depart from the Council's current licensing policy with respect to the Euro 4 Emissions requirement for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 4 February 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Jarvis, in the Chair.
Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.
Councillors Fry, Rennie and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs Foster

Also in attendance: Kristin Barnes (Democratic Support Officer) Sharon Day (Legal Officer)
Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer)

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.30 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.

98. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

99. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2016.

100. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

101. **APPEAL CASES**

The Committee was advised that there had been one appeal case since the last meeting. This appeal had been dismissed by the Magistrates Court but the Crown Court had allowed the appeal and replaced the revocation with a one month suspension. No costs had been awarded against the Council.

102. **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.

103. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2016

104. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SMA**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to revoke SMA's Hackney Carriage driver's licence under section 19(1) and (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)

105. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JPB**

Members were advised that JPB was unable to attend committee today and were passed a letter from him. Having read the letter Members felt they required clarification from JPB on certain matters he referred to. It was therefore agreed to adjourn this matter to the committee on the 3 March 2016 so that a letter can be written to JPB to clarify the situation. If JPB did not attend that hearing the matter would be dealt with in his absence.

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