

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 2 June 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Kelly, in the Chair.
Councillor K Foster, Vice Chair.
Councillors Bowie, Mavin, Rennie and Singh.

Also in attendance: Sharon Day (Legal Officer), Mark Small (Licensing Officer), Kristin Barnes (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10:00 and finished at 14.00.

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.

1. To note the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The committee noted the appointment of Councillor Kelly as Chair, and Councillor Ken Foster as Vice Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Agenda item	Reason	Interest
Councillors Bowie, Mavin, Rennie, Singh & Foster	9	Applicant was represented by a former licencing officer known to these members	Private

3. MINUTES

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2016.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

5. APPEAL CASES

One appeal had been expected to go before the Court since the last meeting. That appeal was dismissed as the applicant failed to pay their Court fees.

6. 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.

7. **Confidential Minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2016

8. **Application for the grant of a private hire vehicle driver's licence - DF**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account it would refuse DF's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence under section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975 as the committee did not consider him to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

9. **Application for the grant of a private hire vehicle driver's licence - G-AA**

The committee heard that G-AA was not in attendance and agreed that the matter would be adjourned until he confirmed that he wished the application to be dealt with.

10. **Application for the grant of a private hire vehicle driver's licence -PJG**

The committee heard that PJG was not in attendance and agreed that the matter would be adjourned until he confirmed that he wished the application to be dealt with.

11. **Application for the grant of a private hire vehicle driver's licence - JH**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant JH's application for a private hire vehicle driver's licence subject to him producing a DVLA Group 2 medical certificate and subject to him completing the VRQ in transporting passengers by taxi and private hire within the first 12 months of being licensed. JH will be excused from sitting both the Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth Test and the Driving Standards Test.

12. **Review of a Hackney Carriage driver's licence - AL**

The committee:

- (a) was advised that AL had indicated to the Licensing officers that he would not be attending and wished the matter heard in his absence;
- (b) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (c) took into account the report and all that was said.

The committee agreed, having taken the above into account, to revoke AL'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.