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TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 11 August 2016
10.00 am
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

Councillor Kelly, Chair
Councillor K Foster, Vice Chair
Councillors Bowie, Carson, Mavin, 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 - 6)

To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 2 June 2016 and 14 July 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 7 - 14)

To confirm the confidential minutes of the meetings held on 2 June 2016 and 14 July 2016.

8. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AH (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.

9. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - KA (Pages 23 - 32)

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

10. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - G-AA (Pages 33 - 38)

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

11. REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AE (Pages 39 - 48)

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

LUNCH 1 PM - 2 PM

12. REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AD (Pages 49 - 84)

The Director of Public Health will submit a report on a Hackney Carriage driver's licence and Private Hire driver's review of licence status.

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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.

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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.

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Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 14 July 2016

PRESENT:

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

Also in attendance: Steve Forshaw (Senior Licensing Officer), Phillip Marsh (Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Kristin Barnes (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 and finished at 11:30.

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18. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

19. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2016.

20. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

21. **APPEAL CASES**

There were no updates in respect of appeal cases since the last meeting.

22. **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.

23. **Confidential Minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2016.

24. **Application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - MW**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant MW's application for a Hackney Carriage driver's licence subject to him passing the Driving Standards Test and the Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth Test.

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

25. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - AE**

The committee heard that AE was not in attendance and agreed that the matter would be adjourned until the next committee date.

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