

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 3 November 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Ken Foster, Vice Chair in the Chair.

Councillor Carson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Bowie, Mrs Foster (substitute for Councillor Kelly), Mavin and Rennie.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Kelly and Singh.

Also in attendance: Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Catherine Fox (Lawyer), Debbie Lazenby (Enforcement Officer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.49 am.

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.

57. **Appointment of Vice Chair**

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Carson as Vice Chair for this particular meeting.

58. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

59. **Minutes**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016.

60. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

61. **Appeal Cases**

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

62. **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.

63. **Review of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - DDG**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed, having taken the above into consideration to suspend DDG's Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence for a period of 28 days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

64. **Review of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - TAS**

The Committee considered the application for an adjournment, submitted by e mail from TAS's solicitors, and considered that in order to comply with the rules of natural justice and her right to a fair hearing she should be granted the adjournment to enable her to be legally represented. The Committee expect TAS and her legal representatives to be ready to proceed on the next date set for this hearing.