

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 5 January 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Kelly, in the Chair.

Councillor K Foster, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall (substitute for Councillor Mavin), Bowie, Carson, Rennie and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mavin.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.27 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.

78. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the code of conduct, the following declarations of interest were made in regard to items under consideration at this meeting –

Name	Minute Number and Item	Reason	Interest
Councillor Mrs Aspinall	84 – Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - TW	One of the applicant's character referees is known to her	Private
Councillor Singh	84 – Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - TW	Several of the applicant's character referees are known to him	Private
Councillor Bowie	86 – Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - FS	Applicant's representative and daughter are known to her	Private
Councillor Singh	86 – Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - FS	Applicant's representative and daughter are known to her	Private

79. Minutes

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2016.

80. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

81. **Appeal Cases**

The Committee was advised that there had been one appeal case since the last meeting. This appeal had been upheld by the Crown Court. No costs had been awarded against the Council.

82. **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 1 Schedule 12a of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

83. **Confidential minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the 1 December 2016.

84. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - TW**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant TW's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him completing the Driving Standards test and producing the Group 2 medical certificate. He was also required to complete the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire within the first 12 months of being licensed.

(Councillors Mrs Aspinall and Singh declared a private interest in this agenda item)

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

85. **Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - AS**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend AS's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for a period of 21 days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

(Councillors Mrs Aspinall and Rennie left the meeting after this agenda item)

86. **Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - FS**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed to take no action against FS's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence at this stage due to the limited information available for the Committee to make a decision. However if further information is received then the matter must be referred straight back to the Committee for a review of FS's licence to be undertaken.

(Councillors Bowie and Singh declared a private interest in this agenda item and were not present for this item)

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