

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 2 February 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Kelly, in the Chair.

Councillor Carson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Bowie, Deacon (substitute for Councillor Ken Foster), Mavin, Rennie and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Ken Foster.

Also in attendance: Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Emma Louise Hill (Advanced Practitioner, Strategic Co-operative Commissioning, present for minute 96 only), Rachael Hind (Licensing Service Manager) Debbie Lazenby (Enforcement Officer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.02 am and finished at 4.14 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.

87. Appointment of Vice Chair

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

88. Declarations of Interest

The following declaration of interest was made in accordance with the code of conduct –

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Singh	95 - Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - CEP	Applicant is known to him	Private

89. Minutes

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2017.

90. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

91. Appeal Cases

The Committee was advised that two appeal cases would be heard at the Magistrate's Court on 2 March 2017.

92. **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.

93. **Confidential minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2017.

94. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - BARB**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant BARB's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence, and to his request for an exemption of the prerequisites, namely the Driving Test, Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth Test and also the DVSA Group II Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive Certificate.

As a condition of granting this licence he would also be required to attend a Child Sexual Exploitation and Adult Safeguarding Course within 12 months of the issue of his licence although Members requested that he make attempts to attend the next available course date.

95. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - CEP**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to grant CEP's application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to the completion of the remaining prerequisite test, namely the DVSA Group II Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive.

As a condition of granting this licence he would also be required to complete the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi or Private Hire, or its equivalent within 12 months of the issue of this licence and also attend a Child Sexual Exploitation and Adult Safeguarding Course within the same period, although Members requested that he make all attempts to attend the next available course date.

(Councillor Singh declared a private interest in this agenda item and was not present for this item)

96. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - RAJD**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to revoke RAJD's Private Hire 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.

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

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

Members have had sight of the email from FS's wife, advising that he was unable to attend this Committee because his mother had passed away and he was travelling to Romania. Members are sympathetic to his loss, however, after having considered the content of the report, Members believe it is in the interests of public safety not to adjourn the meeting and potentially allow him to continue working as a taxi driver until the next available Committee but to make a decision today.

The Committee -

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account to revoke FS'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.

Note – Councillor Rennie voted against this decision

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