

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 30 March 2017

## PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors Ken Foster and Mavin.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.52 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.*

### 108. **Appointment of Vice Chair**

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

### 109. **Declarations of Interest**

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

### 110. **Minutes**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2017.

### 111. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

### 112. **Appeal Cases**

The Committee was advised that one appeal was due to be heard last month, however this appeal was withdrawn on the day.

### 113. **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.

114. **Confidential minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2017.

115. **Application for the grant of a Restricted Private Hire Driver's Licence - WG**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that it was prepared to act outside of its policy and grant WG's application for a Restricted Private Hire Driver's licence (subject to any remaining pre requisites being completed). This was on the basis that WG had been carrying out a similar role to the one he was applying for a substantial period of time. The grant of the application was subject to the following conditions:

That within the first 12 months of being licensed WG be required to successfully complete:

1. The VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent
2. Child Sexual Exploitation and Adult Safeguarding Course

Whilst the Child Sexual Exploitation and Adult Safeguarding Course was required to be completed within the first 12 months of being licensed, Members requested that WG attend the next available Safeguarding course.

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