

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 27 April 2017

## PRESENT:

Councillor Kelly, in the Chair.

Councillor K Foster, Vice Chair.

Councillors Bowie, Carson, Sam Davey (substitute for Councillor Rennie), Mavin and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Rennie.

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 10.02 am and finished at 4.32 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.*

## 116. Declarations of Interest

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

Name	Minute Number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Singh	125 – Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - MD	The witness for this agenda item is known to him	Private

## 117. Minutes

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2017.

## 118. Chair's Urgent Business

The Chair reminded Members of the additional meeting that had been arranged for 11 May 2017, and asked that Members confirm their attendance at their earliest opportunity.

## 119. Appeal Cases

The Committee was advised that there had been one appeal case since the last meeting; however the driver had now surrendered his badge and the appeal was no longer going ahead.

120. **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.

121. **Confidential minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2017.

122. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - SAG**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into consideration, to grant SAG's application for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence subject to the completion of the Knowledge of Plymouth Test and the Driving Standards Test within 12 months of issue of the Licence and also subject to the condition to attend a Child Sexual Exploitation and Adult Safeguarding Course within the same period.

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

123. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - JH**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into consideration, JH was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence and therefore his application would be refused.

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

124. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - MAC**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into account MAC was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and therefore his application would be refused.

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

**Order of business**

With the permission of the Chair, the order of business was amended, as set out below in the minutes.

125. **Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - MD**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into consideration, to suspend MD's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for a period of 7 days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

*(Councillor Singh, having declared an interest, was not present for this agenda item)*

126. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - CA**

The Committee heard from the Licensing Officer that a letter had been sent to CA's recorded address on 19 April 2017 inviting him to today's hearing. It was set out within the letter in bold that if he failed to attend the hearing may proceed in his absence. It was also noted that the Licensing Officer had attempted to telephone him to confirm his attendance and had left a voicemail message for him.

The Committee determined to proceed in his absence given CA's failure to complete the pre-requisite course and as he is driving members of the public.

The Committee -

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

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into consideration, to revoke CA's Private Hire Driver's Licence under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1974 as he is no longer considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

*(Councillors Carson and Singh were not present for this agenda item)*