

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 22 November 2018

## **PRESENT:**

Councillor Mavin, in the Chair.

Councillor Singh, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Bridgeman, Corvid, Jordan, Mrs Pengelly and Rennie.

Also in attendance: Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer) and Helen Rickman (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.35 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.*

## 67. **Declarations of Interest**

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

## 68. **Minutes**

Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2018.

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

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

## 70. **Appeal Cases**

Members were updated on the result of an appeal case that had recently gone to court and were advised that two further appeals had been lodged.

## 71. **Exempt Business**

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 paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## 72. **Confidential Minutes**

Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2018.

73. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence - HA**

The Committee –

- (a) considered and took into account the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from HA;
- (c) took all of the above and the report into consideration and also considered the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2018;
- (d) considered the application on its own merits.

The Committee refused the application having regard to its overriding duty of protection of the public. It was not satisfied that HA was safe and suitable and therefore fit and proper to hold a licence at this time.

74. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence - BAW**

The Committee –

- (a) considered and took into account the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from BAW;
- (c) took all of the above and the report into consideration and also considered the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2018;
- (d) considered the application on its own merits.

Members agreed to grant BAW's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to the following conditions:

1. BAW must successfully complete the VRQ driver qualification in "Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire" or its equivalent, within twelve months of receiving the licence;
2. BAW must complete the Plymouth Ambassador training by 21 November 2019.

Failure to comply with any of these or any of the other conditions on BAW's licence may result in BAW being brought back before this Committee to consider sanctions against the licence.

75. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence - BG**

Members were advised that BG was unable to attend at 10.00am because of work commitments and had advised his intention to attend at 12 if possible. When he was not present at that time, Members agreed to adjourn this agenda item until the next available Committee.