

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 10 December 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor Derrick, in the Chair.

Councillor Tuffin, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Mrs Bridgeman, Mrs Pengelly, Rennie and Riley.

Also in attendance: Sharon Day (Lawyer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer) and Helen Prendergast (Democratic Adviser).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.55 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.

33. **Declarations of Interest**

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

34. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There was no items of Chair's urgent business.

35. **Exempt Information**

Agreed that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and the public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved 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.

36. **Review Status of Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) heard from the driver, his barrister and his solicitor;
- (c) took the following into account -
 - all that was said by the taxi driver, his barrister and his solicitor;
 - all the information within the report;

- all relevant law and policy referred to within the report.

The committee had considered whether it would be appropriate to suspend the driver's licence however, it did not consider that any period of suspension would address its concerns; therefore, with the committee's overriding principal being the protection of the public, it was agreed that the driver's licence would be revoked in accordance with Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975, as he was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's licence.

With regard to the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence held by driver, it was agreed that no action would be taken in respect of this licence, as any public safety issues had been addressed via the revocation of the driver's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

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