

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 10 June 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor Singh, in the Chair.

Councillor Salmon, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Corvid, Derrick, Jordan, Partridge and Tuffin.

Also in attendance: Sharon Day (Lawyer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Helen Rickman (Democratic Advisor) and Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor – observing).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.52 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.

1. **To Note the Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2021/2022**

Members agreed to note the appointment of Councillor Singh as Chair and Councillor Salmon as Vice Chair for the forthcoming municipal year 2021/22.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

3. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

4. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There are no items of Chairs Urgent Business.

5. **Appeal Cases**

Members noted the update provided on a recent appeal whereby the decision of the committee was upheld.

6. **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 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.

7. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

8. **Review Status of Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee:

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) heard from the taxi driver;
- (c) took the following into account:
 - all facts, law and policy referred to in the report;
 - all that was said by the taxi driver;
- (d) heard from the Licensing Officer.

Agreed that the licence would be suspended for a period of 21 days as a result of the driver failing to report a change of circumstances.

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

The Committee:

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) heard from the taxi driver;

Agreed that having considered the content of the report and all that was said by the taxi driver, that they did not have enough information to make a decision. Therefore, the matter would be adjourned pending further information being received.