

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 8 July 2021

PRESENT:

Councillor Salmon, Vice Chair in the Chair.
Councillor Partridge, Vice Chair.
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Corvid, Derrick, Jordan and Tuffin.

Apology for absence: Councillor Singh

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

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.

10. Election of Vice Chair

The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Partridge as the Vice Chair for this particular meeting.

11. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the code of conduct, Councillor Partridge declared a personal interest in minutes 17 and 18.

12. Minutes

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021.

13. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

14. Appeal Cases

The committee noted that there had been no new appeal cases since the last meeting.

15. 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.

16. **Confidential Minutes**

The committee agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

17. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) heard from the taxi driver and his representative;
- (c) took the following into consideration -
 - the information contained in the report;
 - the policy as detailed in the report;
 - all that was said by the applicant and his representative.

The committee agreed that it is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person and would therefore grant the application for a private hire driver's licence. This is subject to the applicant completing the Plymouth Ambassador course and VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent qualification within 12 months of being granted a licence.

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

18. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence**

The committee -

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) heard from the applicant and his representative;
- (c) took the following into consideration -
 - the information contained in the report;
 - the policy as detailed in the report;
 - all that was said by the applicant and his representative;
 - the applicant's references.

The committee agreed that it is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person and would therefore grant the application for a Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence. This was subject to the applicant completing the Plymouth Ambassador course and VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent qualification within 12 months of being granted a licence.

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

19. **Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

The Committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) took the following into consideration -
 - the information contained in the report;
 - the policy as detailed in the report;
 - all that was said by the applicant.

The committee agreed that it was satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person and would therefore grant the application for a Hackney Carriage driver's licence.

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