

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 16 December 2021

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors Derrick and Jordan.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.40 am.

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.

56. **Declarations of Interest**

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

57. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

58. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

59. **Appeal Cases**

The Committee noted that there has been no new appeal cases since the last meeting.

60. **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.

61. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

62. **Initial Application Request for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence**

The Committee heard from the Licensing Officer that the applicant had contacted him on the 15 December 2021 to say that he was unable to attend committee.

It was therefore agreed that the matter would be adjourned until such time as the applicant felt ready to proceed.

63. **Initial Application Request for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence**

The Committee heard from the Licensing Officer that the applicant had contacted him on the 15 December 2021 to say that could not attend.

It was therefore agreed that the matter would be adjourned until such time as the applicant was able to attend.

64. **Initial Application Request for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) heard from the applicant;
- (c) took into account –
 - all facts, law and policy as detailed in the report;
 - all that the applicant said.

The Committee agreed to act outside of the Council's policy and accept the application without the need to produce a certificate of good conduct due to the length of time the applicant had resided in the country.