

Taxi Licensing Committee

Monday 18 May 2020

PRESENT:

Councillor Mavin, in the Chair.

Councillor Derrick, Vice Chair.

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

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 12.30 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.

76. **Declarations of Interest**

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

77. **Minutes**

Members agreed the minutes of the 20 February 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting subject to the following change:

Minute 70 'Exempt Information' should refer to section 100(4) of the Local Government Act.

78. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

79. **Appeal Cases**

Members were advised of a recent appeal that went to the Magistrates court and was successfully defended by the Council.

80. **Exempt Information**

Agreed that under Section 100(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.

81. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2020 were an accurate record.

82. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee –

- (a) considered and took into account the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from the applicant;
- (c) heard from the licensing officer;
- (d) took into account all that was said by the taxi driver, all relevant policies referred to in the report, the fact that the taxi driver wasn't acting in the course of his employment when the incident occurred;
- (e) considered the review on its own merits whilst considering relevant licensing objectives of Safety and Health of Drivers and the Public, Vehicle Safety, Prevention of Crime and Disorder and the Protection of Consumers in the Council's policy.

The Committee asked themselves the question, set out in the Council's policy, as to whether they would allow someone they cared about or a vulnerable person to get into a vehicle driven by this individual, and the answer was no.

Members agreed that this driver was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person and that the licence would be revoked in accordance with Section 19 Plymouth City Council Act 1975 on the grounds of being convicted of an offence involving violence and "any other reasonable cause".

(Note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

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

Members did not consider this application and it was therefore adjourned to a future meeting of the Taxi Licensing Committee.

84. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence**

Members did not consider this application and it was therefore adjourned to a future meeting of the Taxi Licensing Committee.

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

Members did not consider this review and it was therefore adjourned to a future meeting of the Taxi Licensing Committee.

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