

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 16 July 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 Rickman (Democratic Support 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.

11. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest made by Members in accordance with the code of conduct.

12. Minutes

Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2020 subject to minute 10 'Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence' to read as amended:

(Councillors Rennie and Riley were not present after the consideration of the first stage of this application, or for the remainder of the meeting as they voted not to depart from policy).

13. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

14. Appeal Cases

Members were advised that since the last meeting, there were no appeal cases to updated upon.

15. Exempt Information

Agreed that under Section 100A(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.

16. **Confidential Minutes**

Members agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2020 as an accurate record.

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

The Committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from the applicant;
- (c) took the following into account:
 - all that was said by the applicant;
 - all the information within the report;
 - all relevant law and policy referred to within the report.

The Committee agreed, having considered this application on its own merits, that it was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a private hire drivers licence and it considered that the applicant would be a good ambassador for the city. Therefore the application was granted subject to the applicant successfully completing the following:

- the VRQ driver qualification in “Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire” or its equivalent, within twelve months of receiving his licence, and;
- the Plymouth Ambassador training within the same period.

Members wished to remind the applicant that the failure to comply with these requirements or any of conditions attached to the licence may result in the non-renewal of the licence and / or being brought back before the Committee to consider sanctions against the licence.