

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 19 November 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 Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.45 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.

26. **Declarations of Interest**

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

27. **Minutes**

Members agreed the minutes of the 10 September 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting.

28. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

29. **Appeal Cases**

Members were advised that there were no updates with regards to appeal cases.

30. **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.

31. **Confidential Minutes**

Members agreed the confidential minutes of the 10 September 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting.

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

The Committee:

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

The Committee agreed, having considered the report on its own merits, that the taxi driver's application for a private hire driver's licence would be refused as the driver was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

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