

## **Taxi Licensing Committee**

**Thursday 15 April 2021**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Derrick, in the Chair.

Councillor Tuffin, 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 1.10 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.*

#### **54. Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **55. Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 as an accurate record.

#### **56. Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

#### **57. Appeal Cases**

The Committee was advised that there were no appeal results to update Members on.

#### **58. 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.

#### **59. Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 are confirmed as a correct record.

60. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage 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 account:
  - all facts, law and policy referred to in the report;
  - all that was said by the taxi driver.

The Committee have considered the evidence before them. They have considered all available sanctions but have resolved that it is proportionate under s19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 to :-

- a) Suspend your licence for a period of three days.

(Councillor Tuffin experienced connectivity issues during the final part of the meeting, however confirmed prior to his absence that he agreed with the decision of the committee to suspend the licence).