

Taxi Licensing Committee

Friday 20 October 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.
Councillor Tuffin, Vice Chair.
Councillors Finn, Moore, Rennie and Tofan.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Dr Cree.

Also in attendance: Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer), and Elliot Wearne-Gould (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.30 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.

59. **Declarations of Interest**

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

60. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

61. **Exempt Information**

The Committee agreed to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and the public from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it involved 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.

62. **Review of Private Hire Driver and Vehicle Licence (To Follow)**

Steve Forshaw (Senior Licensing Officer) introduced the report to the Committee.

The Committee determined it was appropriate to proceed to review the Private Hire Driver and Vehicle License in the absence of the driver, as they were satisfied that the driver had been given ample notice and invitation to attend, and that the nature of the allegations made were significant enough to warrant review without delay.

The Committee having:

- 1) Taken into account the report from the Director of Public Health and all the information, law and policy contained within it;
- 2) Noted that the driver had not provided any representations;
- 3) Considered the allegations raised, the driver's history, the law, policy and factual information contained in the report;

Asked itself if would they want a vulnerable person or other person they cared about to be driven by this driver. The answer to this question was "no".

The Committee agreed to-

1. Revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's license;
2. Revoke the driver's Private Hire Vehicle License.

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