

Taxi Licensing Committee

Tuesday 12 December 2023

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors Dr Cree and Rennie.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw Williams (Democratic Advisor (Observing)), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Josh Longstaff (Democratic Advisor (Observing)), Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer) and Hannah Whiting (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 13:39.

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.

63. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

64. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 and 20 October 2023 as correct records.

65. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chairs urgent business.

66. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

67. **Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted**

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

68. **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 items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt

information, as defined in paragraph 1/2/3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

69. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meetings held on 5 October 2023 and 20 October 2023 as correct records.

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

The Committee agreed that in order for the applicant to have a fair hearing in compliance with Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998, this hearing would be adjourned to the next available meeting.

71. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

The Committee:

- a) Considered all that was said by the driver;
- b) Considered all the information contained within the report;
- c) Considered all relevant policies referred to in the report;
- d) Asked itself whether it would want a person they cared for or a vulnerable person to be driven in a vehicle driven by the driver.

The Committee agreed to:

1. Suspend the Hackney Carriage drivers licence for 30 days;
2. Require the driver to resit the Plymouth Ambassador course within six months of the date of the decision letter.

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