

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 7 March 2024

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor Dr Cree.

Also in attendance: Michelle Battershill (Lawyer), Rosie Brookshaw-Williams (Democratic Advisor), Steve Foreshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), and Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer)

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.08 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.

91. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

92. **Minutes**

It was noted that Councillors Rennie and Finn had left the meeting on 1 February 2024 due to the fact they were not present for the case when it first came to Committee.

The Committee agreed the minutes from the meeting held on 1 February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

93. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

94. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on any appeal cases.

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

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

96. **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.

97. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

98. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee:

- a) Considered all that was said by the driver;
- b) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- c) Considered all of the 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 Private Hire Driver's License pending the successful completion of the Taxi Driver Standards Test.

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