

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 5 September 2024

## PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Gilmour, Luggar, Morton, Ney and S.Nicholson.

Also in attendance: Michele Battershill (Lawyer), Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer), and Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer).

The meeting started at 10.05 am and finished at 2.46 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.*

## 19. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 20. **Minutes**

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

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

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 22. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on appeal cases.

## 23. **Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted**

There had not been any certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

## 24. **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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as Taxi Licensing Committee Thursday 1 August 2024 defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

25. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2024 as an accurate record.

26. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver Licence**

Due to the taxi driver not being able to attend the meeting, the Committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

27. **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:

- I. The driver's Private Hire Vehicle Licence would be suspended until such time as the DBS check had been received by the Taxi Licensing Office.

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

The Committee:

Were informed there had the driver was unable to attend the meeting due to personal reasons.

The Committee agreed to continue in the driver's absence due to the serious nature of the report.

The Committee:

- a) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- b) Considered all of the relevant policies referred to in the report;
- c) 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:

- I. To revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence 'for any other I. reasonable cause' under s19(1) (b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 as they no longer consider the driver to be a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Taxi Licensing Committee Driver's License.

29. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee:

Were informed there had the driver was unable to attend the meeting due to health reasons.

The Committee agreed to continue in the driver's absence due to the serious nature of the report.

The Committee:

- a) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- b) Considered all of the relevant policies referred to in the report;
- c) 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:

- I. The driver's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence would be suspended until such time as the DBS check had been received by the Taxi Licensing Office and the driver had completed the safeguarding refresher course.

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

The Committee:

Were informed there had the driver was unable to attend the meeting.

The Committee agreed to continue in the driver's absence due to the serious nature of the report.

The Committee:

- a) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- b) Considered all of the relevant policies referred to in the report;
- c) 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:

- I. To revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence 'for any other reasonable cause' under s19(1) (b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 as they no longer consider the driver to be a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Taxi Licensing Committee Driver's License.