

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 1 May 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Luggar, Morton, Ney, S.Nicholson and Raynsford (substitute for Councillor Gilmour).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Gilmour.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor), John Brownlow (Enforcement Officer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor (observing)) and Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.33 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.

95. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

96. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 03 April 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

97. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

98. **Appeal Cases**

There were no appeal cases since the last committee meeting.

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

There were no Certificates of Good Conduct Exceptions granted.

100. **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 Taxi Licensing Committee Thursday 6 March

2025 that they 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.

101. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting that took place on 03 April 2025 as an accurate record.

102. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence**

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 by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

1. To revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence under s19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

103. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Drivers 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 by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

- 1. To issue the driver with a warning letter reminding them of the professional standards of being a taxi driver.

104. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle 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 by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

1. To suspend the Private Hire Drivers Licence for a period of three months;
2. To concurrently suspend the Private Hire Drivers Licence until the satisfactory completion of the Plymouth City Council Safeguarding course within a period of six months.

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