

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 19 December 2013

PRESENT:

Councillor Haydon, in the Chair.
Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.
Councillors Mrs Foster, Jarvis, Mrs Nicholson and Rennie.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs Bowyer.

Also in attendance: George Curness (Licensing Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Legal Officer), Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 3.25 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.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

75. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2013 are confirmed as a correct record.

76. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

With the permission of the Chair, the Licensing Officer reported three cases of cheating at the last Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth test, which resulted in the candidates involved being sent home.

Mr Wildman, from the Plymouth Licensed Taxi Association (PLTA), also provided information to the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Licensing Officer and Mr Wildman for their information, and advised the Committee that he had recently participated in a meeting regarding these matters, and that further discussions on how to combat these problems were needed.

77. APPEAL CASES

The committee was advised that there had been no new appeal cases since the last meeting.

78. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - A G TURI**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from Mr Turi;

The committee agreed to grant Mr Turi's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence, subject to the satisfactory completion of the prerequisite qualifications, namely the Driving Standards test and Medical test. The Committee further agreed to Mr Turi's request for an exemption from the Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth test, in view of the fact that he only surrendered his original Private Hire Driver's Licence in May 2011.

79. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Agreed that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and 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 paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I Schedule 12a of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

80. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - WAF (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from WAF;

The committee agreed to grant WAF's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence, subject to the satisfactory completion of the remaining prerequisite tests, namely the Driving Standards test and Medical test and subject to him completing the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of any licence issued to him.

81. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - IAO (E3 AND E7)**

Due to IAO's non-attendance at committee, Members agreed that his application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence is held on file until such time as he contacts the Licensing Department.

82. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - DJG (E3 AND E7)**

The committee -

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from DJG;

The committee agreed to grant DJG's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence, subject to her completing the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of any licence issued to her.

83. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SPC (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from SPC;

The committee agreed to grant SPC's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him completing the remaining prerequisite test, namely the Driving Standards test and subject to him completing the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of any licence issued to him.

84. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - TST (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Place;
- (b) heard from TST;

The committee agreed to grant TST's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to him completing the remaining prerequisite tests, namely the Driving Standards test and Topographical Knowledge of Plymouth test and subject to him completing the VRQ driver qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of any licence issued to him.