

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 23 January 2014

## PRESENT:

Councillor Haydon, in the Chair.

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Foster, Jarvis, Mrs Nicholson and Rennie.

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 11.05 am.

*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.*

## 85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 86. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2013 are confirmed as a correct record.

## 87. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

In response to a question from Councillor Rennie, the Licensing Officer advised that the provider of the Driving Standards test had recently reviewed their procedures in an attempt to prevent incidences of cheating.

## 88. APPEAL CASES

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

## 89. 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.

90. **LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - TP (E3 AND E7)**

Due to TP's non-attendance at this meeting, members agreed to defer this matter to the next available committee meeting, when the case could be heard in TP's absence.

91. **LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - KS (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for People;
- (b) heard from KS;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by KS into consideration;

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend KS's private hire driver's licence for three days in total under Section 19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975 and to issue him with a warning which will lie on his file.

*(Please note: there is a confidential part to this minute)*

92. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE - GP (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for People;
- (b) heard from GP.

Following a brief adjournment, the committee agreed that more information was required to consider the application. The committee agreed that the application is deferred until the next available committee date.