

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 12 June 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Jarvis, in the Chair.

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Bowyer (substitute for Councillor Fry), Mrs Foster, Mrs Nicholson, Rennie and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Fry.

Also in attendance: Sharon Day (Legal Officer), Steve Forshaw (Licensing Officer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 3.05 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.

1. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The committee noted the appointment of Councillor Jarvis as Chair, and Councillor Bowie as Vice Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

5. APPEAL CASES

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

6. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

The committee noted the schedule of meetings for the forthcoming year.

7. **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.

8. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES (E3 AND E7)**

Agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

9. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - RL (E3 AND E7)**

The Licensing Officer advised that RL would not be attending the committee due to a bereavement. It was agreed that the matter would be adjourned to the next available committee and that a letter be sent to RL advising that if he failed to attend the matter would be dealt with in his absence.

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

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from PS;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by PS into consideration.

The committee agreed to grant PS's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to PS completing all the usual pre requisites for the grant of a licence, and subject to him completing the VRQ qualification in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being granted a licence.

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

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from LP;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by LP into consideration.

The committee agreed to grant LP's application for a restricted private hire driver's licence subject to LP completing all the necessary pre requisites for the grant of a licence, and subject to him completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being granted a licence.

12. **REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MH (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from MH;
- (c) took the above report and all that was said by MH into consideration.

The committee agreed that having taken all of the above into account no action would be taken against MH's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence but a warning would be placed on file which would be brought to members' attention if MH appeared before them in the future. Also MH would complete the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire within the next 12 months

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

(Councillor Mrs Nicholson was not present for this item)