

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 21 August 2014

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowie, Vice Chair, in the Chair.

Councillor Mrs Nicholson, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall (substitute for Councillor Jarvis), Mrs Foster, Rennie and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Jarvis.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.17 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.

40. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Mrs Nicholson as Vice Chair for this particular meeting.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

42. MINUTES

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

43. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of chair's urgent business.

44. APPEAL CASES

The committee was advised that there had been no appeal cases since the last meeting, however a case was due to go to appeal on 19 September.

45. 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.

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

Agreed that the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014 are confirmed as a correct record.

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

The committee –

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

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

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

The committee –

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

The committee agreed to grant SB's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being issued with his licence.

49. **REVIEW OF A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CA (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend CA's restricted private hire driver's licence for one day under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

50. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MAK (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend MAK's private hire driver's licence for three days in total under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

51. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CPZ (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to revoke CPZ's private hire driver's licence under section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975 as he is no longer considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

52. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - DG (E3 AND E7)**

The committee –

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

The committee agreed that having taken the above into account to suspend DG's private hire driver's licence for three days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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