Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 6 August 2015

PRESENT:

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

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Nicholson and Singh.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.35 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.

34. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

35. **MINUTES**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2015.

36. **APPEAL CASES**

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

37. **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 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12a of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Order of business

With the permission of the Chair, the order of business was amended, as set out below in the minutes.

38. **CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS**

Under this agenda item, Councillor Bowie asked the Licensing Officer a question relating to the issuing of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licences. She was subsequently informed by the Legal Officer that she would advise her on this matter outside of the meeting.

39. **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

<u>Agreed</u> the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2015.

40. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MAC**

The committee –

(a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;

(b) heard from MAC;

(c) took the above report and all that was said into consideration.

The committee <u>agreed</u> to grant MAC's application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him completing the Knowledge of Plymouth Test and the Driving Standards Test. In addition he is required to complete the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of his licence being granted.

41. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MP**

The committee <u>agreed</u> to adjourn this case to the next committee hearing as MP did not attend. A letter is to be sent to MP advising him that the matter will be dealt with at the next committee and if he fails to attend the matter will be dealt with in his absence.

42. **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - RJW**

The committee –

(a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;

(b) heard from RJW;

(c) heard from RJW's representative;

(d) took the above report and all that was said into consideration.

The committee <u>agreed</u> that having taken the above into account to suspend RJW's private hire licence for a period of 3 days under Section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975. In addition he would be required to successfully complete the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the next 12 months.

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

43.   **REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - DMT**

The committee –

(a)   considered the report from the Director of Public Health;

(b)   heard from DMT;

(c)   took the above report and all that was said into consideration.

The committee <u>agreed</u> that having taken the above into account to suspend DMT's private hire driver's licence for 5 days under section 19(1)(b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975. In addition he would be required to successfully complete the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the next 12 months.

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