

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 6 October 2016

PRESENT:

Councillor Kelly, in the Chair.
Councillor K Foster, Vice Chair.
Councillors Bowie, Mavin and Singh.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Carson and Rennie.

Also in attendance: Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer) and Lynn Young (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.53 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.

50. **Declarations of Interest**

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

51. **Minutes**

Agreed the minutes of the meetings held on 25 August 2016 and 8 September 2016.

52. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

53. **Appeal Cases**

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

54. **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 I Schedule 12a of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

55. **Confidential minutes**

Agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2016.

56. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - OOK**

The Committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from OOK;
- (c) heard from OOK's representative;
- (d) took the above report and all that was said into consideration.

The Committee agreed that having taken the above into consideration, and having had sight of three work-related references, to depart from their guidelines and grant OOK's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to the completion of the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of his licence being granted.