

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 17 August 2017

## **PRESENT:**

Councillor Kelly, in the Chair.

Councillor K Foster, Vice Chair.

Councillors Mrs Aspinall (Substitute for Councillor Bowie), Carson, Mavin, Rennie and Singh.

Apology for absence: Councillor Bowie.

Also in attendance: Sharon Day (Lawyer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer) and Helen Wright (Democratic Adviser).

The meeting started at 10am and finished at 3.35pm.

*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.*

## 22. **Election of Vice Chair**

The Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Carson as Vice Chair for the first item of business only prior to the arrival of Councillor K Foster.

## 23. **Declarations of Interest**

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

## 24. **Minutes**

The committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 are confirmed as a correct record.

## 25. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

## 26. **Appeal Cases**

The Committee was advised that there were no new appeals.

27. **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 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

28. **Application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - AIM**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed to act outside of its policy and grant the application for a hackney carriage driver's licence subject to the condition that AIM complete the VRQ in transporting passengers by taxi and private (or equivalent) within the first 12 months of being licensed.

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

*(Councillor K Foster was present for the remainder of the meeting)*

29. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - MC**

The Committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from MC and two non-legal representatives;
- (c) took account the above report and all that was said into consideration.

The Committee agreed that the application for a private hire driver's licence will be granted subject to the conditions that MC complete the VRQ in transporting passengers by taxi and private hire (or equivalent) within the first 12 months of being licensed unless he can provide proof that he had already completed this or equivalent qualification and also complete the child sexual exploitation awareness course within the same period although he is requested to attend the first available course. Prior to being licensed MC is required to complete the usual pre-requisites with the exception of the Knowledge of Plymouth Test.

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

30. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - JL**

The Committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director of Public Health;
- (b) heard from JL in support of his application;
- (c) took the report and all that was said by JL into account.

The Committee agreed that JL's application for a private hire driver's licence would be granted subject to him providing a medical certificate confirmed he was fit to group II medical standards and also subject to the conditions that he complete the VRQ in transporting passengers by taxi and private hire (or equivalent) within the first 12 months of being licensed and also attend the child sexual exploitation awareness course within the same period although it is requested that he attend the next available course.

31. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - DM**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that DM was not considered to be a fit and proper person and therefore his application for a private hire driver's licence would be refused in accordance with Section 9(1)(a) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

32. **Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - KA**

The Committee –

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

The Committee agreed that KA's licence would be suspended for 14 days in accordance with Section 19(1) (b) of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

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

33. **Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence - CP**

The Committee agreed to adjourn the review of CP's hackney carriage driver's licence until the next scheduled meeting.