

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 24 January 2019

PRESENT:

Councillor Mavin, in the Chair.

Councillors Mrs Bridgeman, Corvid, Hendy, Jordan, Mrs Pengelly and Rennie.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Singh (Councillor Hendy Substituting).

Also in attendance: Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Cathy Griffin (Enforcement Officer), Sharon Day (Lawyer) and Jamie Sheldon (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.30 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.

90. **Declarations of Interest**

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

91. **Minutes**

agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018.

92. **Chair's Urgent Business**

Under this item the Chair advised members that two cases that were on the agenda would not be attending today.

The committee was updated by the Licensing Officer that:

1. Licensed drivers intended to conduct a protest drive through the City on the 27 January.
2. The Ambassadors course was now running and driver uptake for the course was good
3. In response to a question from Councillor Rennie about the review of the tariff of fares, that when fares are reviewed this is done in consultation with the trade.

93. **Appeal Cases**

The Committee were provided with the results of the two appeal cases that went to Court. They were advised that their decisions had been upheld by the court in both cases.

94. **Exempt Business**

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 paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

95. **Confidential Minutes**

Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018.

96. **Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver Licence - AF**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health
- (b) heard from AF

The committee -

Agreed to act outside of its policy and consider the application even though AF could not supply a certificate of good conduct. This was due to AF age when he moved to the UK, the length of time he has been resident in the country and that he has no convictions or motoring offences recorded against him in that time period.

The committee further agreed to grant AF a Hackney Carriage driver's licence subject to him successfully completing a VRQ in transporting passengers by Taxi or Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licensed and the Plymouth Ambassador course within the same time frame.

97. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence - NB**

The committee –

- (a) considered the report from the Director for Public Health;
- (b) Heard from NB;
- (c) Heard from a representative of Need a Cab;

The committee –

Agreed to grant NB application for a private hire driver's licence subject to him successfully completing a VRQ in transporting passengers by Taxi or Private Hire or equivalent within the first 12 months of being licensed and the Plymouth Ambassador course within the same time frame.

98. **Hackney Carriage Driver's Appeal against issue of Penalty Points Notice - MZ**

This case was not heard by the Committee as the appeal was withdrawn.

99. **Review Status of Hackney Carriage Driver Licence - MD**

This case was not heard by the Committee as the matters within the report had been satisfactorily dealt with.

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