

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

16 FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT

Councillor M. Whetton (in the Chair).

Councillors A. Mitchell (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Anstee, A. Duffield, M. Freeman, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, D. Jarman and E.W. Stennett

In attendance

J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
G. Levy	- Regulatory Services Mgr (Trading Standards & Licensing)
M. Geraghty	- Licensing Assistant
N. Owen	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J. Smith

38. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 19th January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as specified.

40. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - CONVICTION WHICH EXCEEDS THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider a conviction received by a Trafford licensed private hire driver.

The driver attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

The driver provided the Sub-Committee with an outline of what he said were the circumstances of the offence.

The driver also answered questions directed to him from Sub-Committee Members.

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The Sub-Committee considered his record of driving a private hire vehicle while licensed by Trafford.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken against Mr. T. M.

41. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS APPLICATION - APPLICANT PREVIOUSLY REVOKED ON GROUNDS OF FITNESS

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for the grant of a Private Hire driver's licence.

The applicant attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

The applicant provided the Sub-Committee with an outline of his situation since the revocation of his previous licence.

The driver also answered questions directed to him from Sub-Committee Members.

The Sub-Committee considered that he had a Private Hire driver's licence revoked previously and the reasons for that revocation.

The Sub-Committee considered that he accepted the allegations made against him as he had done in 2014. The applicant expressed remorse and said it would not happen again, a representative of Scotts Taxis and his father expressed their faith that he would not repeat the actions which led to the revocation.

The Sub-Committee sought evidence of a sustained period of time during which he had not repeated the behaviour which led to the complaints and revocation. The Sub-Committee were unable to find the requisite evidence that would enable them to determine that he no longer posed any threat to the public.

RESOLVED: That Mr. B. H's application be refused.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.45 pm