

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

21 AUGUST 2014

PRESENT

Councillor C. Candish (in the Chair).

Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), D. Bunting, A. Duffield, M. Freeman, D. Jarman, P. Lally, M. Sephton and J. Smith

In attendance

D. Goldstein	- Solicitor
J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
N.Owen	- Democratic Services Officer

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 17th July 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. 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 on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

8. PRIVATE HIRE/HACKNEY CARRIAGE KNOWLEDGE TEST - APPLICANT CAUGHT CHEATING

Applicant: Mr. Z. A

RESOLVED: That Mr. Z. A contact the Licensing Section upon his return to arrange attending the next available meeting of the Public Protection Sub-Committee.

9. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - CONVICTIONS THAT EXCEED THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider a Private Hire driver's convictions. The driver attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

The driver provided the Sub-Committee with a brief outline of what he said were the circumstances of the offences.

The Sub-Committee felt that he was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence.

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The Sub-Committee was dissatisfied with his account in relation to the circumstances surrounding his convictions for engaging in activity requiring a licence under the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

The Sub-Committee had concerns in relation to his links with criminality given his account that he had been approached by Russian nationals who made threats against both himself and his family if he did not provide them with the majority of the monies he collected from lending.

He provided a statutory declaration form dated 28 April 2014 confirming that he did not have any criminal convictions. This declaration was incorrect given that he had been convicted on 12 December 2013 for offences under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 for which he was sentenced by way of a 6 month period of imprisonment. Due to his failure to disclose this information he provided a false declaration. His explanation that he thought he only had to notify the Council about motoring convictions was not accepted.

RESOLVED: That Mr S. P. R's Private Hire driver's licence be revoked.

The meeting commenced at 6.37 pm and finished at 7.47 pm