

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 2021

PRESENT

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), B. Brotherton, D. Bunting, D. Butt, S. Taylor and M.J. Welton

In attendance

L. Grimshaw Legal Assistant,
J. Boyle Licensing Team Leader,
N. Owen Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C.H. Churchill

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11. COVID-19 LICENSING TEAM SERVICE PLAN - EXTENSION OF INTERIM MEASURES FROM 1ST APRIL 2021

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider the proposed operational/policy changes needed to continue the delivery of the taxi licensing aspects of the Licensing Service during the coronavirus pandemic from 1st April 2021.

This follows the first phase emergency action plan which covered the months of April, May and June and which was approved on 9th April 2020 under emergency powers, the Phase 2 emergency action plan which was approved by the Sub-Committee on 25th June 2020, the Phase 3 emergency action plan which was approved by the Sub-Committee on 17th September 2020 and the interim measures plan which was approved by the Sub-Committee on 17th December 2020.

RESOLVED: That the following proposals be approved:-

Proposal	Details	Change Type
1	Where required a licensed driver must provide a medical certificate completed by their own GP. If a driver is unable to provide a medical certificate because of the current restrictions; they may	Policy

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	<p>complete the Council's on-line medical self – certification form which will be valid until the 30th June 2021 (extended from the 31st March 2021)</p> <p>From the 1st July 2021 the driver will be required to provide a satisfactory medical certificate signed by his own GP; if this is not possible due to coronavirus delays, they may provide a certificate signed by a doctor employed by a private medical company who has seen a summary of the driver's medical history.</p> <p>From the 1st January 2022 the Council will only accept a satisfactory medical certificate signed by the driver's own GP.</p> <p>This policy may be reviewed at any time between the 1st April 2021 and the 1st January 2022 dependant on the progress of the vaccine rollout and the relaxation of restrictions.</p>	
2	To continue the suspension of all stages of the new driver application process until the 30 th September 2021. This position to be reviewed before the end of September 2021.	Operational

The meeting commenced at 6.43 pm and finished at 7.40 pm