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AGENDA PAPERS FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, 21 March 2024

Time: 6.30 pm

**Place: Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford,
Manchester, M32 0TH**

A G E N D A	P A R T I	Pages
1. ATTENDANCES		
To note attendances, including Officers and any apologies for absence.		
2. MINUTES		1 - 4
To receive and if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2024.		
3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC		
A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public questions submitted in writing to Democratic Services (democratic.services@trafford.gov.uk) by 4pm on the working day prior to the meeting. Questions must be within the remit of the Sub-Committee or be relevant to items appearing on the agenda and will be submitted in the order in which they were received.		
4. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION		
Motion (Which may be amended as Members think fit):		
That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining 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 amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.		

5. **AN OFFENCE WHICH HAS OCCURRED DURING THE CURRENCY OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE** 5 - 16

To receive a report from the Head of the Regulatory Services.

6. **APPLICATION TO GRANT A PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE WHICH EXCEEDS THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION** 17 - 60

To receive a report from the Head of Regulatory Services.

7. **URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

Any other item or items (not likely to disclose "exempt information") which, by reason of special circumstances (to be specified), the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

SARA TODD

Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors D. Jarman (Chair), S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), B. Brotherton, S. J. Haughey, E.L. Hirst, J. Holden, J.D. Newgrosh, H. K. Spencer and S. Taylor.

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PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

22 FEBRUARY 2024

PRESENT

Councillor: D Jarman (in the Chair), S Thomas (Vice Chair), E Hirst, J Holden,
J Newgrosh, H Spencer, S Taylor

In attendance

Jade Pickup	Licencing
Pelumi Coker	Legal
Nicola Hartley	Legal
Stephanie Ferraioli	Governance Officer

1. ATTENDANCES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Babar and Haughey.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024 be noted as a true and correct record.

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

4. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There was no urgent business to be discussed.

5. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED - That the public be excluded 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 amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as specified on the agenda item or report relating to such item respectively. Page

6. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE FOR AN ADDRESS OUTSIDE TRAFFORD.

The Head of the Regulatory Services introduced the case where the request to grant a private operator's licence for an address outside of the borough was made by City Care Agency Ltd also in attendance tonight.

It was explained that once the Operator's licence was granted, City Care Agency would work with Trafford Council as an approved provider accepting bookings only from Transport/SEN officers, with the Transport Manager selecting the best driver for the route based on distance and familiarity with the parent and the child to be transported. To achieve this, they run what is termed 'dry runs' to get to know the families and the destinations so that future actual rides run smoothly.

City Care Agency Ltd provided full contact details for Council officers and or Police should they needed to be contacted at any time.

RESOLVED – That the licence be granted on condition as per section 2.4 of page 8 of the agreement.

7. APPLICATION TO GRANT A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE WHICH EXCEEDS THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION – N.I.

The Head of the Regulatory Services introduced the case where an application to grant a private hire driver's licence had been submitted where the scheme exceeded delegation.

Mr Iqbal presented his case apologising for his mistakes explaining that he had a sick and disabled baby as well as two more children.

It was noted that the incidents described in the report were only three months apart which meant that he had committed the same offence twice in a very short space of time and that although Mr Iqbal was apologetic tonight there was no real acknowledgement of the seriousness of the incidents and the consequences.

RESOLVED – That the licence be revoked.

8. AN OFFENCE WHICH HAS OCCURRED DURING THE CURRENCY OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SB

The Head of the Regulatory Services presented the case where an offence occurred during the currency of the private hire driver's licence.

Mr Begum was in attendance along with a friend and his lawyer who also acted as his interpreter and explained that he had accepted a fare from passengers whilst stationary after having completed a previous ride. The passengers were in fact two plain clothes police officers carrying out a compliance enforcement.

As an Uber driver of many years, Mr Begum should have known better to ask the passengers to book the ride via the app prior to agreeing to take the passengers to their destination as he would not have been insured, however he claimed that as it was raining he wanted to do the passengers a favour.

RESOLVED: 1) That the licence be revoked pending the 21 days of the appeal period.

2) That Mr Begum can continue to drive during this period.

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