

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

17 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT

Councillor S. J. Haughey (in the Chair).
Councillors E.L. Hirst (Vice-Chair), B. Brotherton, J. Holden, J.D. Newgrosh,
U. Savary, H. K. Spencer and S. Taylor

In attendance

J. Parry	Locum Litigation Lawyer,
D. Grey	Licensing Enforcement Officer,
J. Pickup	Senior Licensing Officer,
N. Owen	Democratic Officer.

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Jarman

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 18 July 2024 and 22 August 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were received.

17. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

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 each such item respectively.

18. FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO HOLD A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Head of Regulatory services submitted a report requesting members to consider whether a driver was still a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence following an offence of plying for hire.

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

The driver explained the circumstances and answered questions from members of the Sub-Committee.

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The Sub-Committee considered the report and evidence given at the meeting and concluded that the driver was not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. M. Ali's Private Hire driver's licence be revoked with immediate effect.

19. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE WHICH EXCEEDS THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider an application for a Private Hire driver's licence.

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

The applicant gave his version of the offence and answered questions from members of the sub-committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the report and evidence given at the meeting and concluded that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. S A's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be refused.

20. UPDATE REPORT FOLLOWING EMERGENCY DECISION BY THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND OPPOSITION SPOKESPERSON

The Sub-Committee were informed of an emergency decision taken by the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Governance and Community Strategy and the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Sub-Committee.

The decision was to revoke the Private Hire driver's licence with immediate effect as they felt Mr. W A was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.37 pm and finished at 8.06 pm