

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

21 APRIL 2022

PRESENT

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), J.M. Axford, B. Brotherton, D. Butt, G. Coggins, S. Taylor, M.P. Whetton and B.G. Winstanley

In attendance

C. Myers Solicitor,

C. Whittle Regulatory Services Manager (Trading Standards & Licensing),

J. Pickup Senior Licensing Officer,

S. Ferraioli Governance Officer.

44. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

45. 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.

46. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

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

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

The driver gave his version of the offence and answered questions from members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the committee report, and after hearing from a Licensing Officer and the driver, the Sub-Committee accepted that he had been genuinely mistaken both in relation to the offence and the requirement to notify the Licensing team of it, and they concluded that he was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence. However, they also believed that he would benefit from additional training to remind him of his responsibilities as a Private Hire Driver.

RESOLVED: That Mr. M.A.'s application for the renewal of a Private Hire driver's licence be granted subject to the following condition:

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That he successfully completes the knowledge test and the driver's induction course, at his own expense.

47. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - NOTICE OF DISQUALIFICATION FROM DRIVING

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider whether a driver is still a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence.

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

The driver gave his version of the circumstances and answered questions from members of the Sub-Committee.

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

RESOLVED: That Mr. C.D's Private Hire driver's licence be revoked twenty one days from receipt of the decision letter.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and finished at 8.05 p.m.