

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

16 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

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

In attendance

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| D. Knowles | Legal Assistant, |
| J. Parry | Locum Litigation Lawyer, |
| J. Pickup | Senior Licensing Officer, |
| S. Siow | Licensing Assistant (Temp), |
| N. Owen | Governance Officer. |

44. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were submitted.

45. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 18th January 2023 and 26th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

The Sub-Committee received an update regarding the situation at the magistrates court.

They were informed that there was currently a delay in getting appeals heard due to the knock on effect of Covid and staff leaving the court. The court are dealing with priority cases first and local authority listings are not priorities, the court has advised that it will take at least three months to clear the backlog. Appeals by drivers are currently very delayed.

47. 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, and specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

48. DECLARATION OF A MAJOR TRAFFICING OFFENCE MID-LICENCE - PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

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The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider a Private Hire driver's licence where the driver had committed a major traffic offence mid-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 still a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken against Mr. R. M.

**49. REVOCATION OF A TRAFFORD PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE -
OUTCOME OF APPEAL**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report informing members of the Sub-Committee of an outcome of an appeal to the Magistrates Court following revocation of a Private Hire driver's licence.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the court had dismissed Mr. I. K. S' appeal as they found that Mr. I. K. S was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence and that the Council's decision was correct.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.00 pm