

# **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**20 JUNE 2024**

## **PRESENT**

Councillor S. J. Haughey (in the Chair).

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

### In attendance,

J. Parry	Locum Litigation Lawyer,
J. Boyle	Licensing Team Leader,
D. Grey	Enforcement Officer,
N. Owen	Democratic Officer.

## **1. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions were received.

## **3. 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.

## **4. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOLLOWING THE EXPIRY OF THE PREVIOUS LICENCE**

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 explained why his previous licence had expired 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 a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. G. B's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be granted.

**5. FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO HOLD A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

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

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

The driver gave his version of the incident 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 driver was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence and Private Hire Operator's Licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. G. M's Private Hire driver's licence and Private Hire Operator's Licence be revoked with immediate effect in the interest of public safety.

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

The Locum Litigation Lawyer gave a verbal update informing members of an emergency decision taken by the Corporate Director, Place in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Sub-Committee regarding a Private Hire driver and a complaint received about him.

The decision was that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence and his licence was revoked with immediate effect in the interests of public safety.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.08 pm