

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

19 NOVEMBER 2015

PRESENT

Councillor M. Whetton (in the Chair).

Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), J. Coupe, A. Duffield, M. Freeman,
D. Jarman, M. Sephton and J. Smith

In attendance

D. Goldstein - Solicitor
G. Levy - Public Protection Manager (Trading Standards)
N.Owen - Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also in attendance for Minute No. 33

J. Stoddart - Enforcement Support Officer

31. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meetings held on 24th September and 15th October 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. 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.

33. USE OF A VEHICLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE WORK WHILST THAT VEHICLE WAS SUSPENDED

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider the use of a vehicle for private hire work whilst that vehicle was suspended.

The Sub-Committee considered how many days the vehicle had been used whilst not licenced.

Mr M. H did not attend the meeting. The Sub-Committee were informed that several attempts had been made to contact Mr M. H to confirm if he was attending the meeting or not.

RESOLVED: That Mr M. H's Private Hire driver's licence and vehicle licence be suspended for one month from 23rd November to enable a

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letter detailing the decision of the Sub-Committee to be hand delivered to Mr M. H due to his none attendance at the meeting.

34. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - CONVICTIONS THAT EXCEED THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider a Private Hire driver's conviction. The driver attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

Mr J. S, the driver's solicitor provided the Sub-Committee with a brief outline of what Mr B. A said were the circumstances of the offence.

The Sub-Committee were given copies of a letter from Mr B. A's wife, and also references from Abacus Travel Services and A.R. Accountancy Services in support of Mr B. A.

Mr. B. A answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered that the offence had taken place in Mr B. A's Private Hire vehicle and involved a passenger in his vehicle and viewed this a serious matter and decided there were no exceptional reasons for them to depart from their guidelines that state that an applicant will normally be refused a licence when the applicant has a conviction for common assault and the conviction is less than 3 years prior to the date of the application.

RESOLVED: That Mr B. A's Private Hire driver's licence be revoked.

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm and finished at 8.10 pm