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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPERS FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 15 February 2018

Time: 6.30 pm

Place: Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford,
Manchester, M32 0TH

AGENDA	PART I	Pages
1. ATTENDANCES		
To note attendances, including Officers and any apologies for absence.		
2. MINUTES		
To receive and if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 th January 2018.		
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3. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)		
Any other item or items (not likely to disclose “exempt information”) which, by reason of special circumstances (to be specified), the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.		
4. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)		
Motion (Which may be amended as Members think fit):		
That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining 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 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.		
5. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S	PART II	

LICENCE - MEDICAL REQUIREMENT

To consider a report of the Head of Regulatory Services. Para. 1 3 - 24

6. **ALLEGATION OF REFUSAL BY A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER TO PUT A FARE ON THE METER FOR A JOURNEY WITHIN THE COMPELLABLE AREA** **PART II**

To consider a report of the Head of Regulatory Services. Para. 1 25 - 40

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

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Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors M. Cornes (Chairman), J. Holden (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, D. Bunting, A. Duffield, M. Freeman, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, D. Jarman and E.W. Stennett

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PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

18 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT

Councillor M. Cornes (in the Chair).

Councillors J. Holden (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. A. Bruer-Morris, D. Bunting, A. Duffield, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, D. Jarman and E.W. Stennett

In attendance

I. Veitch	- Head of Regulatory Services
J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
G. Levy	- Regulatory Services Mgr (Trading Standards & Licensing)
R. Smithson	- Solicitor (Corporate and Commercial)
E. Sharples	- Legal Executive (Litigation)
N. Owen	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also Present

Councillor B. Brotherton (Substitute for Councillor M. Freeman)

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Freeman.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 4th December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. INTRODUCTION OF A KNOWLEDGE TEST AND CHANGES TO THE CURRENT ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST FOR ALL NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER APPLICANTS

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report seeking approval to consult on a proposal to re-introduce a local area knowledge test and a proposal to raise the level of the English language test for all new hackney carriage/private hire driver applicants.

The Licensing Officers answered questions from Sub-Committee members on the previous test, the procedure before the test was removed, the present waiting list of people who wish to apply for a licence and cross border hiring regulations.

The Chairman sought views from members of the trade who were in attendance at the meeting.

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RESOLVED: -

- (1) That the Sub-Committee agreed that officers consult on the following proposals:-
 - That all those submitting an application for a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence on or after the "Knowledge Test" introduction date be required to pass a local area knowledge test as part of the application process.
 - That those submitting an application for a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence on or after the introduction date are able to meet the language level which has been set for those seeking to apply for naturalisation as a British citizen; or have passed a relevant English Language qualification at a suitable level.
 - That those submitting an application for a private hire or hackney carriage driver's badge on or after the introduction date be granted a dual private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence (on the basis that the test requirements will now be the same)
- (2) That the Sub-Committee also agreed:
 - That the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services be authorised to determine the introduction date and content of the knowledge test; and the introduction date of the English Language test.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.30 pm

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