

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

17 DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), B. Brotherton, D. Butt and M.J. Welton

In attendance

J. Boyle	Licensing Team Leader,
G. Levy	Regulatory Services Mgr (Trading Standards and Licensing),
C. Myers	Solicitor,
N. Owen	Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Bunting, C.H. Churchill and S. Taylor

1. MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That the Membership, including Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson, of the Public Protection Sub-Committee for the remainder of the 2020/2021 Municipal Year, as agreed by Council on 25th November, 2020 be noted.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference for the Public Protection Sub-Committee be noted.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th November be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. COVID-19 LICENSING TEAM SERVICE PLAN - EXTENSION OF INTERIM MEASURES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2021

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider the proposed operational/policy changes needed to continue the delivery of the taxi licensing aspects of the Licensing Service during the coronavirus pandemic from 1st January 2021.

This follows the first phase emergency action plan which covered the months of April, May and June and which was approved on 9th April 2020 under emergency powers and the Phase 2 action plan which was approved by the Sub-Committee on 25th June 2020 and the Phase 3 emergency action plan which was approved by the Sub-Committee on 17th September 2020.

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RESOLVED: That the following proposals be approved:-

Proposal	Details	Change Type
1	Where required a licensed driver must provide a medical certificate completed by their own doctor. If a driver is unable to provide a medical certificate because of the current restrictions; they may complete the Council's on-line medical self – certification form which will be valid until the 31 st March 2021. After this date the driver will be required to provide a satisfactory medical certificate signed by his own doctor. This policy to be reviewed before the end of March 2021.	Policy
2	To continue the suspension of all stages of the new driver application process until the 31 st March 2021. This position to be reviewed before the end of March 2021.	Operational

5. 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.

6. TRAFFORD PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - CONSIDERATION OF A RECENT CONVICTION

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider a recent conviction received by a Private Hire driver.

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.

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

The meeting commenced at 4.09 pm and finished at 5.37 pm