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COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA PAPERS FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Date: Thursday, 16 September 2021**

**Time: 6.30 pm**

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

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1.	<b>ATTENDANCES</b>	
	To note attendances, including Officers and any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE</b>	
	To note that Councillor Coggins will replace Councillor Welton on the Public Protection Sub-Committee with effect from 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021.	
3.	<b>MINUTES</b>	
	To receive and if so determined, to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 and 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021.	1 - 4
4.	<b>URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)</b>	
	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.	

**5. 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.

**6. TRAFFORD PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - ALLEGATION OF ASSAULT AND OF DRIVING INCONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS EXPECTED OF A TRAFFORD LICENSED DRIVER. PART II**

To consider a report of the Head of Regulatory Services. Para. 1 5 - 20

**7. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY) PART II Para. 1**

**SARA SALEH**

Deputy Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors D. Jarman (Chair), S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), J.M. Axford, B. Brotherton, D. Butt, G. Coggins, S. Taylor, M.P. Whetton and B.G. Winstanley.

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## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**17 JUNE 2021**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors J.M. Axford, B. Brotherton, D. Butt, S. Taylor, M.P. Whetton and B.G. Winstanley

#### In attendance

L. Grimshaw	Legal Assistant,
J. Boyle	Licensing Team Leader,
K. Hinchliffe	Senior Licensing Officer,
N. Owen	Governance Officer.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from S. Thomas and M.J. Welton

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

No questions were submitted.

### **16. MEMBERSHIP OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED: That the Membership of the Public Protection Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/2022 and the Terms of Reference for the Public Protection Sub-Committee be noted.

### **17. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **18. THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF TAXI LICENCE REFUSALS AND REVOCATIONS (NR3)**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider adopting the use of the National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals and Revocations (NR3).

The Sub-Committee were informed that NR3 is a national register which provides a mechanism for licensing authorities to share details of individuals who have had a taxi licence revoked or refused.

The Sub-Committee were also informed that it was proposed that all new driver and renewal applications in Trafford will be checked against the register and that the Council's historical data on refusals and revocations would be provided to the NR3.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the adoption of the use of the National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals and Revocations (NR3) be agreed as part of Trafford Council's taxi licensing regime.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Licensing Team Leader and the Regulatory Services Manager (Trading Standards and Licensing) to determine whether historic data will be uploaded to the NR3 register as outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

## **19. MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS - CONSULTATION FINDINGS**

The Sub-Committee received a presentation from the Licensing Team Leader on the findings of the consultation findings regarding the Minimum Licensing Standards.

The consultation was undertaken by independent consultants AECOM.

Consultation had taken place between 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and responses were captured via email, an online questionnaire and a paper questionnaire. Forty in depth interviews were also held with Hackney and PHV drivers and operators.

Members of the public who responded strongly agreed with the minimum standards as they felt the standards would improve safety and customer experience.

Drivers and operators generally didn't agree with the proposals, especially the ones which would impact them financially, as they can't afford to upgrade and think the proposals should be delayed as Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the trade.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.00 pm

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**15 JULY 2021**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), J.M. Axford, D. Butt, S. Taylor, M.J. Welton, M.P. Whetton and B.G. Winstanley

#### In attendance

C.Myers	Solicitor,
J. Boyle	Licensing Team Leader,
J. Boles	Enforcement Support Officer,
N. Owen	Governance Officer.

### **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B. Brotherton

#### **20. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE - VEHICLE WITH TIPPING SEAT**

The Sub-Committee were informed that officers had determined that the seat does not allow unimpeded access to and from the vehicle. The vehicle proprietor had offered to remove the back of the seat, leaving the seat base in place but officers had determined that even with the seat back removed there was still not unimpeded access and egress to and from the vehicle and therefore the vehicle did not meet Trafford's vehicle standards.

The Sub-Committee inspected the vehicle and heard from the proprietor and his representative their views on why removing the back of the seat provides unimpeded access and egress and the vehicle does meet the Council's vehicle standards.

The proprietor answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the application for a private hire vehicle licence be granted subject to the following conditions:-

- The back of the tipping seat must be removed; and
- The seat with the back removed must not be used for travel whilst the vehicle is in motion; and
- The vehicle can be used solely for home to school transport contracts where there is a passenger assistant in the vehicle.

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