

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**18 MAY 2017**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor M. Whetton (in the Chair).

Councillors A. Mitchell (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Anstee, M. Freeman and D. Jarman

#### In attendance

G. Levy - Regulatory Services Mgr (Trading Standards & Licensing)  
R. Smithson - Solicitor  
R. Worsley - Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

#### Also Present

Councillor M. Cornes

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Duffield, Mrs. D.L. Haddad, J. Smith and E.W. Stennett

### **51. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **52. 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.

### **53. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - CONSIDERATION UNDER FIT AND PROPER TEST**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider complaints received about the conduct of a Private Hire driver.

The driver gave his version of the incidents and also answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the number of allegations made against the driver which involved reports of four separate incidents within the last eight months. All allegations involved females and alleged inappropriate conduct.

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The evidence put forward by Licensing and the driver's responses to questions about the allegations brought the Sub-Committee to the conclusion that he was not a fit and proper person.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Mr. S. A was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence and that his Private Hire driver's licence should be revoked.
- (2) That in the interests of public safety the revocation should take immediate effect due to the nature of the incidents.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.25 pm