

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor M. Cornes (in the Chair).

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

In attendance

J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
J. Stoddart	- Enforcement Support Officer
S. Lenahan	- Solicitor (Litigation)
E. Sharples	- Legal Executive (Litigation)
R. Worsley	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also Present

Councillor B. Brotherton (Substitute for Councillor D. Jarman)

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Jarman

22. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 19th October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23. 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.

24. SERIES OF COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF A TRAFFORD LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider a series of complaints which had been received by the Licensing Service regarding the same driver.

The driver attended the meeting to enable members to give the matter their full consideration.

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The driver provided the Sub-Committee with an outline of what he said were the circumstances of the complaints.

The driver and his solicitor also answered questions from Sub-Committee Members.

The Sub-Committee considered three complaints, in relation to the recent complaint; the Sub-Committee noted that you denied the allegation. However, having considered the written evidence, they were of the view that it was more than probable that the incident had occurred as described by the Civil Enforcement Officer.

The Sub-Committee considered the evidence put forward by the Licensing Officers and the responses to questions about the allegations by the driver's solicitor and concluded that the driver was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. K's Hackney Carriage driver's licence be suspended for one month.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.08 pm