

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

25 JUNE 2020

PRESENT

Councillor A. Duffield (in the Chair).

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

In attendance

J. Boyle	Licensing Team Leader,
G. Levy	Regulatory Service Mgr (Trading Standards & Licensing),
E. Sharples	Solicitor,
N. Owen	Governance Officer.

APOLOGIES

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

36. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2020 and 21st February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

37. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE - TOTTIES, THE CAUSEWAY, ALTRINCHAM, WA14 1DF

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for the renewal of a Sex Establishment Licence for Totties, The Causeway, Altrincham, WA14 1DF. Representations were made by Mr. R. Dodd, Designated Premises Supervisor.

RESOLVED: That the renewal of the Sex Establishment Licence for Totties be granted.

38. COVID-19 LICENSING TEAM SERVICE PLAN - NEXT PHASE

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 July 2020.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the first phase emergency plan covering the months of April, May and June had been approved under emergency powers by the Corporate Director, Place in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Committee and the Executive Portfolio Holder.

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The Sub-Committee were asked to approve the proposed operational/policy changes for the second phase.

RESOLVED: That the following proposals be approved:-

Proposal	Details	Change Type
1	It is proposed that all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences expiring after the 1 st July 2020 be processed as renewals via an on-line renewal form on the Council's website. Drivers will be required to pay the renewal application fee and then upload electronic copies of all required documents; including a medical signed by the driver's own doctor (where required) and confirmation that the driver has completed an on-line DBS Check Form (where required)	Policy
2	A medical certificate signed by the driver's own doctor will be required in the first instance. However, it is proposed that where a driver is unable to provide a medical certificate because of the current Covid 19 restrictions; the driver may complete the on-line medical self –certification form which will be valid until the 31 st December 2020. After this date the driver will be required to provide a satisfactory medical certificate signed by his own doctor.	Policy
3	It is proposed that drivers who are due a DBS check between the 1 st July 2020 and the 31 st December 2020 be required to complete an on-line DBS Check form prior to renewal of their hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence. In advance of the 31 st December date this will be reviewed to determine the position from the 1 st January 2021.	Operational
4	It is proposed to continue to suspend all stages of the new driver application process until the 30 th September 2020. In advance of that date this will be reviewed to determine the position from the 1 st October 2020.	Operational
5	It is proposed that all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licences expiring after the 1 st July 2020 be processed as renewals via an on-line renewal form on the Council's website. Owners	Policy

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	will be required to pay the renewal application fee and then upload electronic copies of all required documents. All applications for new vehicle licences; transfers and replacement vehicles will be processed in a similar way via an on-line form from the 1 st July 2020.	
6	It is proposed that on each day of the week Monday to Thursday a Licensing Officer will attend the Town Hall to print off driver badges and vehicle identification plates required in respect of renewed, new or replacement driver and vehicle licenses and these will be sent to applicants by a secure postal delivery service. This process to be reviewed after three months.	Operational
7	It is proposed that where the MOT of a licensed vehicle is due to expire in July, August, September 2020 there is no requirement to produce an MOT to the Licensing Team and that this will apply until at least 30 th September 2020. This position will be reviewed in advance of 30 th September 2020 to determine future arrangements in respect of MOTs.	Policy

39. 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.

40. TRAFFORD PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - CONSIDERATION OF A SERIOUS COMPLAINT AGAINST DRIVER

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider a serious complaint regarding 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.

RESOLVED: That Mr. R. S’s Private Hire driver’s licence be revoked.

he meeting commenced at 4.20 pm and finished at 5.49 pm