

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**21 DECEMBER 2023**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), J. Holden, J.D. Newgrosh and H. K. Spencer

#### In attendance

James Parry	Litigation Solicitor
Joanne Boyle	Licensing Team Leader
Donna Grey	Licensing Enforcement Officer
Harry Callaghan	Governance Officer

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B. Brotherton, S. J. Haughey, E.L. Hirst and S. Taylor.

### **28. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on the 17th August and 21st September 2023 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

No questions were received.

### **30. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)**

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded 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, as specified on the agenda item or report relating to such item respectively.

### **31. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S (VEHICLE) LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A VEHICLE WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT AGE AND/OR EMISSION STANDARDS**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's (Vehicle) Licence in respect of a vehicle which does not comply with the Council's current Age and Emission Standards.

The applicant did not attend the meeting. The Sub-Committee discussed whether to consider the application in absence or for it to be deferred.

The Licensing Team Leader responded to questions from the Sub-Committee.

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The Sub-Committee agreed to defer the report to consider the defendant's case at a later date.

RESOLVED: That Mr. H. E's application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's (Vehicle) Licence be deferred to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

**32. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – DANGEROUS DRIVING AND BREACH OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER CONDITIONS 5.1 AND 5.9 (C) AND (D)**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider whether a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver was still a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

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

The driver gave his version of events 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 not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. S' Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licence be revoked with immediate effect.

**33. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE - LICENCE GRANTED WITHOUT A SEATING CONFIGURATION**

The Licensing Team Leader informed the Sub-Committee the reasons the report had not been submitted.

The Sub-Committee agreed to defer the report to a later meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be deferred.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.57 pm