

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

18 APRIL 2024

PRESENT

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors S. Thomas (Vice-Chair), B. Brotherton, S. J. Haughey, E.L. Hirst, J. Holden, J.D. Newgrosh, H. K. Spencer and S. Taylor

In attendance

S. Lenahan	Principal Solicitor (Corporate and Commercial)
P. Coker	Legal Assistant
J. Boyle	Team Leader (Licensing Manager)
D. Grey	Licensing Enforcement Officer
N. Owen	Democratic Services Officer

50. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

51. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were received.

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

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider an application for the renewal of a sex establishment licence for Totties, The Causeway, Altrincham.

The Council had received objections to the renewal of the licence from members of the public.

The Sub-Committee heard from the applicant and members of the public who were present.

The applicant answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered whether the nature of Altrincham had changed.

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

53. 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)

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Order 2006, as specified on the agenda item or report relating to such item respectively.

54. FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO HOLD A PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a meeting to be held on 22 April 2024.

55. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

(Note: The Chair allowed the following item as urgent business due to the seriousness of the complaints.)

Complaints against a licensed Private Hire driver concerning allegations of inappropriate behaviour

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report concerning complaints of alleged inappropriate behaviour made by two customers against a licensed private hire driver.

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 he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. A. M's Private Hire driver's licence be revoked with immediate effect.

The meeting commenced at 6.39 pm and finished at 9.33 pm