

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

27 AUGUST 2015

PRESENT

Councillor M. Whetton (in the Chair).

Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Anstee, J. Coupe, A. Duffield, M. Freeman, M. Sephton and J. Smith

In attendance

J. Boyle - Licensing Team Leader
N. Owen - Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also in attendance

G. Levy - Public Protection Manager (Trading Standards)
D. Grey - Enforcement Support Officer

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Jarman

16. 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.

17. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - ALLEGATION OF SERIOUS MISCONDUCT

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Public Protection Sub-Committee.

18. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - USING A VEHICLE WHILST SUSPENDED - (UNLICENSED)

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider the alleged use of a vehicle whilst suspended and use of a vehicle whilst uninsured.

The driver provided the Sub-Committee with a brief outline of what he said were the circumstances of the incident.

The Sub-Committee considered the time period in which the vehicle had been used whilst suspended and how many jobs had been completed during that time.

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The Sub-Committee acknowledged that he had admitted using the vehicle when interviewed by Enforcement Officers from the Council.

RESOLVED: That Mr T. Z's Private Hire driver's licence be suspended for three months.

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RESOLVED: That Mr S's Private Hire driver's licence be suspended for three months.

20. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - PERIOD OF DISQUALIFICATION FROM DRIVING

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for the grant of a Private Hire driver's licence.

The applicant attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

The applicant provided the Sub-Committee with a brief outline of what he said were the circumstances of the offences.

The applicant also answered questions directed to him from Sub-Committee Members.

RESOLVED: That Mr. M. A's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be granted.