

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2024

Present: Cllrs Jon Andrews, Brian Heatley and Sarah Williams

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Aileen Powell (Licencing Team Leader), Hannah Massey (Lawyer - Regulatory) and Charlotte Strange (Paralegal)

170. Election of Chairman and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Heatley, seconded by Cllr Williams.

Decision: that Cllr Jon Andrews be elected as Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

171. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lugg and Cllr Morgan.

Substituted by Cllr Heatley and Cllr Williams.

172. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

173. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

174. Exempt Business

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Heatley

Decision

That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

175. Taxi Driver Application

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether the Applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence after receiving points on their licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented her report.

The Applicant was subsequently invited to put their case forward and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other and to sum up.

The sub-committee retired to make its decision.

Decision:

To REVOKE their Private Hire Licence.

176. Non-Compliance with DBS Check

The Licensing Team Leader introduced the report.

A driver had failed to respond to repeated requests to do a six-monthly DBS Check as required by the Taxi Licensing Policy adopted in April 2022.

Decision:

To SUSPEND the Private Hire Driver License with immediate Effect in the interests of public safety until such time as a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check has been completed.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.25 am

Chairman

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