

**PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 13th December, 2016

Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Sandra Hambleton – in the Chair

Councillors Burch, T Hambleton, Matthews, Olszewski, Robinson, J Tagg and Walklate

Officers Nesta Barker - Head of Environmental Health Services, Geoff Durham, Nigel Gardner, Gillian Taylor and Paul Washington - Principal Solicitor

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

**2. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies received.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November, 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

**4. DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**Resolved:-** That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration if the following matter because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1,2, and 7 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972

**5. PROSECUTION PROCEEDINGS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH AN IMPROVEMENT NOTICE UNDER THE HOUSING ACT 2004**

The Committee considered a report regarding the instigating of legal proceedings for failing to comply with an Improvement Notice served under the Housing Act 2004.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

**6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

The Committee considered a report regarding a new driver application for Mr MAK.

Mr MAK was not in attendance at the meeting and had failed to attend on the previous two occasions. For this reason, the Committee agreed to consider the item in his absence.

**Resolved:** That, in view of the nature of the caution disclosed, the

Committee saw no reason to depart from its policy and having concluded that Mr MAK was not a fit and proper person to hold a dual driver's licence, refused the application.

**7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

Members were advised that this report had been withdrawn.

**8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

The Committee considered a report regarding a new driver application by Mr BAM.

Mr BAM was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That, in view of the nature and severity of the offence disclosed, the Committee saw no reason to depart from its policy and having concluded that Mr BAM was not a fit and proper person to hold a dual driver's licence, refused the application.

**9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

The Committee considered a report regarding a new Driver application by Mr HK.

Mr HK was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr HK be approved for a limited period of twelve months but that a written warning be issued as to future conduct.

**10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

The Committee considered a report regarding a new driver application by Mr FH.

Mr FH was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr FH be approved for a limited period of twelve months.

**11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

The Committee considered a report regarding a new driver application by Mr AA.

Mr AA was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That in view of the nature, number and severity of the convictions disclosed, the Committee saw no reason to depart from its policy and, having concluded that Mr AA was not a fit and proper person to hold a dual driver's licence, refused the application.

**12. ANTI- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 - NOISE NUISANCE**

The Committee considered a report regarding the enforcement and legal action taken to date in relation to a noise complaint.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

13. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 - MR SCOTT HOUGHTON CASE REF APPU/003901 - OUTCOME OF PROSECUTION PROCEEDING'S ON 3RD OCTOBER 2016**

The Committee considered a report regarding the outcome of prosecution proceedings against Mr Scott Houghton for failing to comply with a noise abatement notice.

**Resolved:** That the report be received.

14. **URGENT BUSINESS**

The following item was considered as urgent business due to the timescales involved and the date of the next Public Protection Committee being 31 January, 2017. In addition, the item will affect the Scale of Fees and Charges for 2017/18.

15. **UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY OF SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION TRAINING FOR TAXI DRIVERS LICENSED IN THE BOROUGH**

The Committee considered a report regarding the delivery of Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation training for taxi drivers.

The terms were discussed at the Public Protection Committee meeting held on 3 November, 2015.

**Resolved:** That approval be given to the following timescales and courses of action:

- (i) That all new applicants for a private hire or hackney carriage drivers' licence be required to complete a safeguarding/child sexual exploitation course prior to their licence being granted.
- (ii) That all existing drivers be required to have completed the training by 28 February, 2017 or upon renewal of their licence – whichever is sooner.
- (iii) That should an existing taxi driver fail to attend a training session, without providing at least 24 hours' notice, a fee of £35 will become payable.
- (iv) That any driver not attending a training session prior to 28 February, 2017 without good reason be advised that they may have their licence revoked.
- (v) That drivers be advised that refresher training sessions should be attended prior to any subsequent licence renewal.
- (vi) That a charge of £35 be made to new drivers for the provision of future safeguarding and CSE training.
- (vii) That all new and renewal drivers be required to produce a CSE training certificate from 28 February, 2017 as part of their application.

**COUNCILLOR SANDRA HAMBLETON**  
**Chair**

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Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm