

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Monday, 22nd January, 2018

Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

<b>Present:-</b>	Councillor Sandra Hambleton – in the Chair
Councillors	Bloor, Dymond, L Hailstones, P Hailstones, Matthews, Olszewski, Proctor, Robinson, Spence, J Tagg and Walklate
Officers	Nesta Barker - Head of Environmental Health Services, Jayne Briscoe - Democratic Services Officer, Matthew Burton and Paul Washington - Principal Solicitor

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from the Vice Chair Councillor G White

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017 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 contained within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972

### **5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976**

The Committee considered a report regarding a new application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence by Mr PW which involved a departure from Council policy.

Mr PW was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr PW be approved.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence application held by Mr AHB.

Mr AHB was accompanied by a legal representative who addressed the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the decision taken by the Chair and Vice-Chair, to revoke the Hackney Carriage Licence be endorsed.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding a Private Hire Drivers Licence held by Mr TK.

Mr TK was accompanied by a legal representative who addressed the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the decision taken by the Chair of the Committee to revoke the Private Hire Drivers Licence be endorsed.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding Mr MA's application to renew his Dual Drivers Licence.

Mr MA was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That, due to the conditions of the probationary period not being fulfilled, the application to renew the Dual Driver's Licence be refused.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding a new Dual Driver's Licence application by Mr PT.

Mr PT was accompanied by a representative who addressed the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr PT be approved for a limited period of twelve months after which time, and subject to no further offences, Mr PT could apply for a full licence.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding a new Dual Driver's Licence application by MR WA.

Mr WA was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr WA be approved for a limited period of twelve months after which time, and subject to no further offences, Mr WA could apply for a full licence.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding an application for a new driver application for a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence by Mr YHG.

Mr YHG was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr YHG be refused due to the nature of the convictions which indicated a pattern of breach of regulatory provisions and a disregard for the law.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding an application for renewal of a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence by Mr ZI.

Mr ZI was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

**Resolved:** That the application submitted by Mr ZI be refused due to the number and nature of the convictions which indicated a pattern of breach of regulatory provisions together with the none notification of the offences in breach of licence conditions.

**13. TAXI SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

Consideration was given to a report to amend and approve the scheme of delegation in respect of taxi and private hire licensing.

**Resolved:** That the proposed amendments to the scheme of delegation be supported and recommended to Council for approval.

**14. TAXI LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES 2018-19**

Consideration was given to a report regarding the fees to be charged in relation to the licensing of Private Hire and Hackney Licensing for 2018/19.

**Resolved:** That the fees to be charged for the licensing of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing be agreed.

**15. APPEAL OUTCOME**

Members were advised of the outcome of an appeal, heard by Newcastle-under-Lyme Magistrates, by Mr Miah which was dismissed.

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

**16. PROSECUTION OUTCOME**

Members were informed of the outcome of prosecution proceedings for failure to comply with a Noise Abatement Notice against Ms Mason.

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

17. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

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

Meeting concluded at 9.50 pm