

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 13th February, 2019  
Time of Commencement: 2.00 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Simon White – in the Chair

J. Walklate  
G Williams  
R. Wright

Officers Matthew Burton - Licensing Administration Team Manager, Geoff Durham - Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer and Anne-Marie Pollard - Solicitor

### **1. 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

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

### **3. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

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

The Committee considered an application for the renewal of a Dual Driver's Licence from Mr RN.

Mr RN was accompanied by his local Councillor who spoke on his behalf.

Mr RN had not been in a licenced vehicle at the time of the offence and explained the circumstances as to why it occurred. The Committee accepted the explanation.

**Resolved:** That Mr RN's application for renewal of a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted along with a written warning as to his future conduct.

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

The Committee considered a renewal driver application from Mr SM.

Mr SM was not in attendance but the Committee agreed to hear the application in his absence.

The Council's Licensing Administration Team Manager, Mr Matt Burton advised Members of the offence committed.

**Resolved:** That, upon receipt of the completed Notification of Convictions form, Mr SM's application for renewal of a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

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

The Committee considered a renewal driver application from Mr MK

Mr MK was accompanied by a legal representative who spoke on his behalf.

This was Mr MK's first offence and he was deeply embarrassed. Although he was in a licenced vehicle at the time of the offence, he was not carrying passengers. A misunderstanding of procedures was the reason for not reporting the offence to the Council.

The Committee accepted the explanation provided.

**Resolved:** That Mr MK's application for renewal of a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted along with a written warning as to his future conduct.

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

The Committee considered a renewal driver application from Mr HR.

Mr HR was given the opportunity to address the Committee.

Mr HR explained the circumstances and apologised.

The Committee accepted the explanation.

**Resolved:** That Mr HR's application for renewal of a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted for a period of six months. After this period, Mr HR would be brought back to this Committee and, subject to no further offences being committed, the licence would be extended for a further two years and six months.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding Mr AA who had notified the Council of a conviction that fell within the Councils guidelines for the relevance of convictions.

Mr AA addressed the Committee, and explained the circumstances of the offence which was accepted by the Committee. However, as Mr AA had been before this Committee recently, it was felt that suspending his licence was the most appropriate action.

**Resolved:** That, in view of the previous warning given, the Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers licence held by Mr AA be suspended for a period of four weeks.

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

The Committee considered a report regarding Mr RB who had notified the Council of a conviction that fell within the Councils guidelines for the relevance of convictions.

Mr RB addressed the Committee, set out the circumstances of the conviction and apologised for the offence committed. He was not carrying any passengers at the time of the offence and was on his way home.

Members took the explanation into consideration when reaching the decision.

**Resolved:** That, Mr RB be issued with a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

**10. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

**COUNCILLOR SIMON WHITE**  
**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 4.05 pm