

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 9th September, 2020

Time of Commencement: 6.00 pm

Present:	Councillor Gary White (Chair)	
Councillors:	Julie Cooper	Sylvia Dymond
Officers:	Matthew Burton	Licensing Administration Team Manager
	Geoff Durham	Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer
	Julie Moore	Licensing Officer
	Anne-Marie Pollard	Solicitor

Note: In line with Government directions on staying at home during the current stage of the CV-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted by video conferencing in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gill Heesom and Jill Waring.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest stated.

3. **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

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

The Committee considered a report regarding an application for the renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence by Mr MW.

The application was outside of the Council's current Licensing Policy.

Mr MW was represented by Mr GC who spoke on his behalf. The information was considered by the Members.

The Chair stated that, whilst Mr MW was unaware of the vehicle's status, it was the Council's Policy. Nothing had been put to the Committee to suggest that they should depart from the Policy and there was also the safety element.

Resolved: That the application to renew the Private Hire Vehicle Licence for Mr MW be refused on the grounds of public safety.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

The Committee considered a report regarding an application for the renewal of a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence by Mr AB.

The application form had revealed a conviction which fell within the Council's guidelines.

Mr AB was given the opportunity to address the Committee. The information was considered by the Members.

Mr AB stated that the omission of information was a genuine error.

Resolved: That the application to renew the Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence for Mr AB be granted with a warning that, it was his responsibility to know the Council's Policy and to ensure that any forms submitted in the future were completed correctly.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

The Committee considered a report regarding an application for a new Private Hire Vehicle Licence by Mr DP.

Mr DP wished to be exempted from displaying door signs and external Private Hire Plates.

Resolved: That the application to depart from the Council's Policy to display external door signs and plates be granted when the vehicle is being used for executive travel. The driver is to be requested to wear ID at all times.

At all other times, the vehicle is to be plated and ID displayed inside the vehicle. In addition, the letter of exemption and the plates are to be kept in the vehicle.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT - 1976

The Committee considered a report regarding a new application for an Operator Licence by SC which had revealed a conviction.

Mr KH was given the opportunity to address the Committee. The information was considered by the Members.

Mr KH stated that the omission had been a genuine mistake and apologised for the error.

Resolved: That the application for an Operator Licence be granted.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

**Councillor Gary White
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm