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PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 2nd April, 2019.

Present: Councillor V.P. Driscoll (Chairman); Councillor Mrs. J.E. Charles (Vice-Chairman); Councillors, R. Crowley, Mrs. P. Drake, O. Griffiths, Dr. I.J. Johnson, K.P. Mahoney, K.F. McCaffer, Mrs. A. Moore, Mrs. J.M. Norman, L.O. Rowlands, J.W. Thomas, Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson and Ms. M. Wright.

894 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE -

This was received from Councillor G.A. Cox.

895 MINUTES -

RESOLVED - T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February, 2019 be approved as a correct record.

896 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

No declarations were received.

897 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC -

RESOLVED - T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

898 GRANT OF DRIVER LICENCES - H (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION - PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) -

The Committee was requested to determine whether H. was a fit and proper person to hold a Vale of Glamorgan Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence. H. was present in support of the application.

H. requested for the application to be deferred to a future Committee meeting in order that a representative from the Taxi Trade could be present in support.

The Committee having considered H.'s request to defer the application,

RESOLVED - T H A T determination for the grant of driver licences - H. be deferred to a future Committee meeting.

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Reason for decision

In order to defer H.'s application to a future meeting so that H. could be represented by the Taxi Trade.

899 RENEWAL OF DRIVER LICENCES - M (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION - PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) -

The Committee was requested to determine whether M. was a fit and proper person to hold a Vale of Glamorgan Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence. M. was present in support of the application.

The Team Manager, Licensing commenced by advising that on 21st February, 2019 M. had made an application for the renewal of his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences, but failed to declare a traffic offence.

On 19th February 2018 when M submitted the previous application to renew his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver licences, M did not declare the traffic offence nor did it appear on his DVLA driving licence.

On 25th February 2019, M attended the Civic Offices, Barry, and was interviewed by the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer. M produced a declaration in regards to the matter (copy of M's declaration was attached at Appendix A).

Following the presentation of the report M was afforded the opportunity to make representations to the Committee.

M stated that he was not aware of and had not been notified of the traffic offence in question. He added that he did not own his own private hire vehicle but worked for several different taxi firms as a fleet driver. M advised that he had not been to Court for the offence and had not received any paperwork. M also advised that he had moved addresses since the date of the traffic offence, and declared that he had properly notified the DVLA.

Having heard the representations, Members of the Committee questioned M. in relation to the contents of the report, M.'s verbal evidence and sought clarity on a number of matters. Following this, the Committee then deliberated the matter in private.

Following the Committee's deliberations, the applicant and the Team Manager were invited back into the room for the Committee's decision.

It was

RESOLVED - T H A T it was the Committee's determination that, having considered the evidence presented, the Vale of Glamorgan Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, the Committee was satisfied that M. was deemed a fit and proper person to

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hold a Hackney Carriage and Hire Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence and the Driver Licence renewal application be granted.

Reason for decision

The Committee had regard to the facts presented by the officer, the evidence presented by the applicant and the guidelines and the Council's policy on fitness criteria for drivers and operators.