

PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 10th November, 2020.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#)

Present: Councillor J.W. Thomas (Chairman); Councillor O. Griffiths (Vice-Chairman); Councillors Ms. J. Aviet, R. Crowley, Mrs. P. Drake, V.P. Driscoll, K.F. McCaffer, Mrs. A. Moore, M.J.G. Morgan, Mrs. J.M. Norman, S.T. Wiliam and Mrs. M.R. Wilkinson and.

161 ANNOUNCEMENTS –

At the start of the meeting the Chairman advised all present that the meeting would be recorded and uploaded to the Council's website following the meeting.

162 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors Mrs. J.E. Charles, Mrs. R. Nugent-Finn and Ms. Ms. M. Wright.

163 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 30th July, 2020 be approved as a correct record.

164 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor Mrs. A. Moore declared a personal interest relating to Agenda Item 5, advising of a conflict of interest in respect of a relationship of trust between herself and an individual who had submitted a representation relating to the Applicant. The Councillor disconnected from and vacated the meeting before the Agenda Item was discussed.

165 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.

166 DISCIPLINARY FOR EXISTING DRIVER – L (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

The Licensing Team Manager advised Committee that on Monday 9th November, 2020 the Licensing Team had received an email from L requesting that his application be deferred until a later date so that he could instruct legal representation.

The Chairman subsequently invited L, who was in attendance at the meeting, to address the Committee. L provided his apologies for the lateness of his request for a deferral and provided further detail regarding the reasons for his request. Committee agreed that it would be appropriate to afford L the opportunity to obtain legal advice and representation prior to his application being considered and a decision being made.

The Chairman confirmed that the application would be heard at the next Committee meeting on 15th December, 2020 as this would provide sufficient time for L to instruct legal representation. L thanked Committee for their time and it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the matter be deferred to the next Committee meeting on 15th December, 2020.

Reason for decision

To ensure decisions of Licensing Authority decisions are consistent with the adopted Guidance on Determining the Suitability of Applicants and Licensees in the Hackney and Private Hire Trades and that Applicants and Licensees have the opportunity to make their case to committee.