**Present:** Councillor Pat Vaughan (in the Chair),

Councillor Andy Kerry and Councillor Biff Bean

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Loraine Woolley, Councillor Kathleen Brothwell

and Councillor Adrianna McNulty

## 11. Confirmation of Minutes - 27 September 2018

Received.

## 12. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

No declarations of interest were received.

### 13. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be a disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

# 14. <u>To Interview an Applicant for a Private Hire Driver's Licence who is Unable to</u> Provide a Certificate of Good Conduct (01/2019)

The Licensing Officer:

- a) explained that the applicant came into City Hall for an appointment to apply for a new Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence on 24 August 2018
- highlighted that the applicant had been unable to provide the Licensing Team with a certificate of good conduct from Afghanistan where he was originally from
- c) stated that the applicant came to the UK in 2009
- d) highlighted that the applicant had held a full UK driving licence since October 2013
- e) explained that the applicant passed the knowledge test on his second attempt as well as achieving a low risk on the Driver Improvement Programme.

Members asked the applicant relevant questions in relation to his application

#### Decision

That the Private Hire Drivers licence be granted

### Reasons for the Decision

- The applicant had a clean drivers licence and DBS check
- The applicant was very pleasant and presentable
- The applicant was currently employed within the City
- The applicant came to the UK aged 15 as a refugee