

Present: Councillor Pat Vaughan (*in the Chair*),
Councillor Loraine Woolley, Councillor Kathleen Brothwell
and Councillor Adrianna McNulty

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Andy Kerry

16. Confirmation of Minutes - 1 June 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2017 were confirmed.

17. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

18. 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.

19. To Interview an Existing Driver who has been Convicted of a Relevant Offence [08/2017]

The Licensing Officer presented the report and provided the background of why the Private Hire Driver was being put before the Sub-Committee. He informed the members that the driver had presented more documents at 11 am on the day of the hearing which he wanted to be considered. The Sub-Committee had not had time to read these papers and therefore they were not in a position to see if they were relevant.

The Sub-Committee asked the Private Hire Driver if it was vital that these papers be included and he insisted that they were relevant and the reason they were late was that his solicitors had sent them to the wrong office. He was also expecting one more statement from a police officer.

The Sub-Committee pointed out that they had already agreed to accept a late statement which was promised to arrive by Monday 3 July and did not arrive until Wednesday 5 July.

The decision was made as follows:

The hearing would be postponed until Thursday 3 August 2017

The reasons for the decision:

The Sub-Committee decided that, in order to give the driver a fair hearing and his insistence on the relevance of the paperwork, they would consider the documents and in the light of that they agreed to postpone the hearing.

The Sub-Committee advised the driver that any additional paperwork to be considered along with a final list of any witnesses would need to be with the Licensing Officer by noon on Thursday 20 July 2017. The Chair of the Sub-Committee reiterated that anything received after this deadline would not be considered and the hearing would go ahead on 3 August 2017.