

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

Apologies for Absence: None.

1. Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous Meeting held on 27 February 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2020 be confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. 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.

4. To Interview an Applicant for a Re-Licence of a Private Hire Driver's Licence who has 9 Current Penalty Points - Item No: 08/2020

The Licensing Officer:

- a) provided a report to determine whether the licence holder was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a private hire drivers licence having 9 valid penalty points on his driving licence.
- b) stated that the licensee had held a licence since May 2004.
- c) explained that the licensee made an application for a re-licence on 6 April 2020.
- d) highlighted that on the re-licence application the licence holder declared that he had received 6 penalty points in June 2019 for a speeding offence.
- e) reported that following a driving licence check a further endorsement showed for a speeding offence in September 2018.
- f) alerted the Sub Committee to the current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which stated the following in relation to penalty points; *'If a driver receives 9 or more penalty points for minor or some hybrid traffic offences, the matter will be referred to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Sub-Committee for a hearing. The driver will be expected to address the issues before the Sub-Committee.'*

The Decision was made as follows:

That the Private Hire Drivers Licence be granted along with a warning letter issued which would remain valid for three years.

Reasons for the Decision:

1. Members of the Sub-Committee felt that the applicant was a very genuine person.
2. The applicant had held a Private Hire Drivers Licence for 16 years without any convictions and had never been in front of the Sub-Committee before.
3. Members of the Sub-Committee believed that there were genuine reasons which led to the penalties on the applicant's driving licence and that the applicant was remorseful of his actions.
4. The applicant was requested by many customers and was classed as a VIP driver.