

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub- Committee on Tuesday 29 November 2022

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Committee members present:

Councillor Clarkson (Chair)

Councillor Upton

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Tazafar Asghar, Legal Adviser

Abby Abrahams, Legal Adviser

Anna Dumitru, General Licensing Team Leader

Joshua Curnow, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

Celeste Reyeslao, Committee and Member Services Officer

Apologies:

Councillor(s) Sandelson sent apologies.

35. Declarations of Interest

None.

36. Procedure to be followed at the meeting

The Sub-Committee noted the procedure for the hearings and the policy on the relevance of warnings, offences, cautions and convictions

37. Minutes

The Sub-Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2022 as a true and accurate record.

38. Exempt Matters and Confidential Session

The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that their presence would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Sub-Committee considered matters relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licensing in private.

39. Application to drive Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to inform the determination of an application to drive Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Refuse** the application to drive Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

40. 'Fit and Proper' status to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Sub-Committee agreed to take item 8 on the agenda, 'Fit and Proper' status to drive Private Hire Vehicles' before item 7 on the agenda, 'Application to drive Private Hire Vehicles' and then return to the remainder of the agenda as listed.

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to inform the determination of an applicant's suitability to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Suspend** the applicant's Private Hire Vehicle licence for a period of 3 months due to reasons outlined.

41. Application to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to inform the determination of an application to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Adjourn** consideration of the application until the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 28 February 2023 due to the applicant's non-attendance.

42. Application to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to inform the determination of an application to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the application to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City for a period of 2 years.

43. Suitability to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety had submitted a report to inform the determination of whether an applicant remains a 'fit and proper' person to hold a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City:

The Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the application to drive a Private Hire Vehicle in the city.

44. Confidential Minutes

The Sub-Committee resolved to approve the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2022 as a true and accurate record.

45. Dates of future meetings

The dates of future meetings were noted.

The meeting started at 6.05 pm and ended at 9.04 pm

Chair

Date: Tuesday 17 January 2023

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