

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub- Committee on Tuesday 28 May 2024



Committee members present:

Councillor Mundy (Chair)

Councillor Ottino

Councillor Muddiman

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Alison Daly, Legal Adviser

Emma Thompson, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

KC Prawesh, Licensing Compliance Officer

Celeste Reyeslao, Committee and Member Services Officer

Apologies:

None.

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

The Sub-Committee resolved to **approve** the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024 as a true and accurate record.

4. 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.

5. Suitability to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Executive Director for Communities and People had submitted a report to inform the determination of an applicant’s suitability to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Revoke** the applicant’s Private Hire Driver Licence taking into account the details set out in the report and the representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

6. New application to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Executive Director for Communities and People had submitted a report to inform the determination of an application to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Adjourn** consideration of the application until the next available meeting of the Sub-Committee.

7. Application to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Executive Director for Communities and People had submitted a report to inform the determination of an application to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the application taking into account the details set out in the report and the representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

8. Any other business

The Sub-Committee, in agreement with the Chair of the General Purposes Licensing Committee, requested Licensing Officers to issue a reminder to all operators that bookings must not be allocated to drivers who disclose taxi details to approaching customers. The reminder would intend to address perceived common practices that may be contrary to the Council's policy on Plying for Hire.

9. Confidential Minutes

The Sub-Committee resolved to **approve** the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024 as a true and accurate record.

10. Dates of future meetings

The dates of future meetings were noted.

The meeting started at 6:00 pm and ended at 8:40 pm

Chair

Date:

When decisions take effect:

Cabinet: after the call-in and review period has expired

Planning Committees: after the call-in and review period has expired and the formal decision notice is issued

All other committees: immediately.

Details are in the Council's Constitution.

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