

REGULATORY PANEL

Friday, 28 April 2023

Present: Councillor A Hodson (Chair)
Councillors M Booth
K Greaney
S Williams

153 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Panel were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

154 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE REQUEST - AUDI A4, REGISTRATION NUMBER OV13 NYS

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to license a Audi A4, registration number OV13 NYS, outside the current age policy for licensing Private Hire Vehicles. The vehicle had first been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle on 17 November 2022 and the current licence was due to expire on 14 May 2023. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 14 May 2013. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the MOT and Compliance pass certificates had been provided to Members.

A friend of the proprietor of the vehicle was present at the meeting with the vehicle which Members of the Panel inspected.

Resolved – That the application to license the Audi A4, registration number OV13 NYS, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

155 EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest Test had been applied and favoured exclusion.

156 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION (SB)

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received by SB for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

SB attended the meeting and made representations in respect of the application. SB responded to questions from Members of the Panel and their legal advisor.

Members gave due consideration to the representations made and exercised their right to consider each case on its individual merits in light of the representations made.

In determining the matter Members also gave serious consideration to their overriding responsibility in respect of the protection and safety of the public. The Panel applied the principle of proportionality enshrined within the Human Rights Act 1998.

Resolved - That SB's application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence be refused.

157 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATION (SM)**

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received by SM for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

SM did not attend the meeting.

Resolved - That SM be invited to attend a future meeting of the Regulatory Panel should they wish to pursue their application.

158 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (NP)**

The Director of Law and Governance submitted a report for Members to consider whether NP should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

NP attended the meeting with their legal representative and made representations. NP and their legal representative responded to questions from Members and the legal advisor to the Panel.

Members considered carefully the responses made by NP and their legal representative.

Members gave due consideration to all of the representations made and exercised their rights to consider each case on its individual merits in light of the representations made.

Resolved –

- (1) That NP be allowed to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.**
- (2) That NP be issued with a written warning as to their future conduct.**