LICENSING PANEL

Friday, 13 December 2019

<u>Present:</u> Councillors L Rowlands

D Mitchell

Deputy Councillor K Greaney (for Councillor G Wood)

75 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair, it was:

Resolved:

That Councillor Les Rowlands be appointed Chair for this meeting.

76 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.

77 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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.

78 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (AJC)

The Corporate Director for Business Management reported upon an application received by Mr AJC for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr AJC attended the meeting, accompanied by his solicitor, made representations and answered questions in respect of his application.

Members considered the representations made by Mr AJC as well as other material information relevant to his application. Members had regard to their Policy and on this occasion were not persuaded to act outside their Policy.

Resolved – That Mr AJC's application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence be refused.

79 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (BAR)

The Corporate Director for Business Management reported upon an application received from Mr BAR for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr BAR attended the meeting, answered questions from councillors and officers and made representations in respect of his application.

Members considered the representations made by Mr BAR as well as other material information relevant to his application. Members had regard to their Policy and on this occasion were not persuaded to act outside their Policy.

Resolved – That Mr BAR's application for the grant of a Public Hire Driver Licence be refused.

80 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (CLS)

The Corporate Director for Business Management submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr CLS should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr CLS attended the meeting and made representations.

Members considered the representations made by Mr CLS in respect of the report. Mr CLS answered questions from Members of the Panel.

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

Resolved – That Mr CLS be allowed to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

81 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (KC)

The Corporate Director for Business Management submitted a report to consider whether Mr KC should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

Mr KC did not attend the meeting.

Resolved – That Mr KC be instructed to attend the next meeting of the Licensing Panel on 20 December 2019 and that should he fail to attend the matter may be considered in his absence.