

REGULATORY PANEL

Friday, 4 March 2022

Present:

Councillors C Jones
D Mitchell
C O'Hagan

139 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, it was –

Resolved – That Councillor Dave Mitchell be appointed Chair for this meeting.

140 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.

141 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.

142 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (SNA)

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

SNA attended the meeting together with his wife and made representations. SNA responded to questions from Members and the legal advisor to the Panel.

A witness also attended the meeting and made representations. The witness responded to questions from Members and the legal advisor to the Panel.

Members considered carefully the representations made by SNA and the witness and also considered other evidence provided.

In determining the matter Members 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 and considered that in seeking to ensure the legitimate aim of the protection and safety of the public, a revocation of the licence with immediate effect was justified in the circumstances.

Resolved – That, in the interests of public safety, SNA's Private Hire Driver Licence be revoked with immediate effect.