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LICENSING PANEL

Friday, 15 November 2019

Present: Councillors M Collins
A Hodson
J Stapleton

69 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair it was –

Resolved – That Councillor A Hodson be appointed Chair for this meeting.

70 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.

71 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 the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act.

72 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (MAD)

The Director of Governance and Assurance submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr MAD should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr MAD attended the meeting and made representations. Members questioned Mr MAD.

Members considered carefully the representations made by Mr MAD.

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

Resolved –

- (1) **That Mr MAD be allowed to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence;**
- (2) **A written warning be issued to Mr MAD;**
- (3) **Mr MAD must obtain a Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving (Taxi and Private Hire)**

- (4) **Mr MAD must register for the course with a training provider in accordance with the timescale determined by officers;**
- (5) **Should Mr MAD fail to obtain the NVQ in accordance with the timescale determined by officers, he must be referred back to the Licensing Panel.**

73 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (MFSG)**

The Director of Governance and Assurance submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr MFSG should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr MFSG attended the meeting and made representations. Members questioned Mr MFSG.

Members considered carefully the representations made by Mr MFSG.

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

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

74 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (NRPJ)**

The Director of Governance and Assurance submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr NRPJ should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr NRPJ attended the meeting and made representations. Members questioned Mr NRPJ.

Members considered carefully the representations made by Mr NRPJ.

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

Resolved –

- (1) **Mr NRPJ be allowed to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence;**
- (2) **A written warning be issued to Mr NRPJ;**
- (3) **Mr NRPJ must obtain a Level 2 NVQ Certificate in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving (Taxi and Private Hire)**
- (4) **Mr NRPJ must register for the course with a training provider in accordance with the timescale determined by Officers;**
- (5) **Should Mr NRPJ fail to obtain the NVQ in accordance with the timescale determined by Officers, he must be referred back to the Licensing Panel.**