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REGULATORY PANEL

Friday, 8 October 2021

Present:

Councillors	D Burgess-Joyce	C O'Hagan
	C Jones	A Wright
	D Mitchell	

51 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair it was –

Resolved – That Councillor D Burgess-Joyce be appointed Chair for this meeting.

52 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.

53 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - FORD FOCUS, REGISTRATION NUMBER EF11 GXC

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to re-license a Ford Focus, registration number EF11 GXC, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle from 15 September 2017 until 18 September 2021 when the licence expired. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 20 June 2011. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates were available for Members.

The proprietor of the vehicle did not attend the meeting.

Resolved – That the proprietor of the Ford Focus, registration number EF11 GXC, be advised to attend the next meeting of the Regulatory Panel should he wish to pursue his application.

54 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - FORD MONDEO, REGISTRATION NUMBER YH61 KLL

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to re-license a Ford Mondeo, registration number YH61 KLL, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 4 October 2018 and the current licence was due to expire on 18 October 2021. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 18 October 2011. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates were available for Members.

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 Ford Mondeo, registration number YH61 KLL, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

55 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - TOYOTA AURIS, REGISTRATION NUMBER DG61 XVJ**

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to re-license a Toyota Auris, registration number DG61 XVJ, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle since 6 May 2020 and the current licence was due to expire on 8 October 2021. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 30 September 2011. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates were available for Members.

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 Toyota Auris, registration number DG61 XVJ, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months.

56 **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATION - FORD MONDEO, REGISTRATION NUMBER DA60 GLK**

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to re-license a Ford Mondeo, registration number DA60 GLK, beyond the normal overage date for a licensed Private Hire Vehicle. The vehicle had been licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle from 15 October 2018 until 11 September 2021 when the licence expired. The date of first registration of the vehicle was 31 December 2010. A six month licence had been granted by the Regulatory Panel on 5 March 2021. The vehicle had been examined at one of the Council's authorised testing stations and the pass certificates were available for Members.

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

Resolved (4:1) (Councillor D Burgess-Joyce dissenting) – That the application to license the Ford Mondeo, registration number DA60 GLK, as a Private Hire Vehicle be granted for six months subject to:

- the advisories on the MOT being carried out satisfactorily and evidence of this be provided to a Licensing Officer; and
- a further MOT being undertaken to demonstrate these works have been carried out.

57 **APPLICATION TO LICENSE THE SEAT IBIZA AS A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE**

The Director of Law and Governance reported upon an application received to license the Seat Ibiza as a Private Hire Vehicle and whether to license the diesel fuelled Seat Ibiza, registration number FY63 ZZP.

Prior to the meeting the proprietor of the vehicle advised that he had returned the vehicle and wished to withdraw this application.

Resolved – That this application be withdrawn.

58 **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.

59 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (LH)**

The Director of Law and Governance submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr LH should be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence.

Mr LH attended the meeting and made representations in respect of his application.

Members questioned Mr LH.

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 (4:1) (Councillor D Burgess-Joyce dissenting) – That Mr LH’s application for a Private Hire Driver Licence be granted.

60 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE (TB)**

The Director of Law and Governance submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr TB should continue to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

Mr TB attended the meeting and made representations. Members questioned Mr TB.

Members considered carefully the representations made by Mr TB.

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 – That Mr TB be allowed to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence and that he be given a written warning as to his future conduct.

61 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (SJMCC)**

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

Mr SJMcC attended the meeting and made representations. Members questioned Mr SJMcC.

Members considered carefully the representations made by Mr SJMcC.

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 (4:1) (Councillor D Burgess-Joyce dissenting) –

(1) That Mr SJMcC be allowed to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence subject to successfully completing a Driver Awareness Course by a date to be confirmed by the Licensing Team Leader and should this not be completed by the specified date he be instructed to attend a further Regulatory Panel.

(2) That Mr SJMcC be given a written warning as to his future conduct.

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