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REGULATORY PANEL

Wednesday, 9 February 2022

Present:

Councillors C Jones
D Mitchell
C O'Hagan

117 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

In the absence of the Chair it was –

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

118 **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.

119 **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.

120 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (THP)**

The Director of Law and Governance submitted a report for Members to consider a request from THP to re-sit the Knowledge Test outside of the current policy in order that he may progress his application for a Private Hire Driver Licence.

THP attended the meeting and made representations in respect of the application.

THP responded to questions from Members of the Regulatory Panel and their legal advisor.

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

Resolved – That due to his individual circumstances, THP be permitted to recommence his attempt at the Knowledge Test in accordance with the current policy which states that “An individual who fails to pass any module or modules of the Knowledge Test must retake the complete Knowledge Test. This re-sit of the test must take place within three months of taking the test for the first time. An individual who fails to pass the test on the second attempt be prohibited from taking the test for a period of six months from the date of the second attempt.”

121 **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.

It was reported to the Licensing Officers that SNA was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved – That this matter be deferred to a future date of the Regulatory Panel.