

## **LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 22 November 2017

At: 6.00 pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Chris Murphy (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Stuart Corris, Dickie Davies, Tom Dowse, Chris Gordon, Tom Grundy, Daniel Hawthorne, Sylvia Humphreys, Lisa Walker and David Wilson.

### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 11 October 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **2. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Items 7-16 to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication relating to an individual as defined in Category 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, would not be fair to the applicant and would breach their data protection principles.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interests which they may have had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Rosalind Thorpe	Agenda Item 19 'Case No P1634', as she had previously been involved with the applicant in a professional capacity.

Rosalind Thorpe left the meeting during consideration of this item.

### **4. URGENT DECISIONS**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration reported that the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Chair, had taken action to suspend 21 hire car drivers' licences.

RESOLVED – That the urgent action be noted.

### **5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were submitted.

## **6. REVIEW OF TAXI LICENSING CONDITIONS OF LICENCE**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed Members of the intention to carry out a full review of all driver and vehicle licence conditions and policy in conjunction with the conditions. The process would include a period of consultation with interested parties after which the proposals and consultation results would be presented to the Committee for approval with an intended implementation date of April 2018.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members of the Committee requested that a further report be presented to the next meeting of the Licensing, Environment and Safety Committee, in order that Members could comment more fully on the proposals.

RESOLVED – (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That a further report on this matter be produced for the next meeting of the Licensing, Environment and Safety Committee on 10 January 2018.

## **7. CASE NO P1630**

That consideration of this item be deferred pending the applicant's attendance at the Committee.

## **8. CASE NO P1632**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

## **9. CASE NO P1633**

That consideration of this item be deferred pending the applicant's attendance at the Committee.

## **10. CASE NO P1635**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, who was accompanied by a friend, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

**11. CASE NO P1636**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, who was accompanied by his solicitor, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this item be deferred pending further information being made available to the Committee.

**12. CASE NO P1637**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

**13. CASE NO P1638**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

**14. CASE NO P1640**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

**15. CASE NO P1643**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

#### **16. CASE NO P1644**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the licensed hire vehicle driver was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's recent conduct.

The Committee interviewed the driver, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the driver be suspended for a period of three months under Section 61 of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 relating to suspending a private hire vehicle for any other reasonable cause, specifically as a result of the driver's inappropriate behaviour through his use of social media.

The Committee were mindful of their prior dealings with this particular individual and that he had been warned by them previously that should this behaviour be repeated, then it would be taken very seriously.

#### **17. CASE NO P1634**

A representative of the Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which requested the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car vehicle driver's licence in view of the driver's convictions.

The Committee interviewed the applicant, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm