

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 13 December 2023
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Shan Alexander (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dickie Davies (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Grace Baynam, Liz Crix, Will Sharp, Kerry Waters and Pete West.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 8 November 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interest that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

It was reported that 11 urgent decisions had been taken under the Constitution since the last meeting of the Committee.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 7-10, relating to paragraph 1 (Information relating to any individual) and paragraph 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CONSULT ON POLICY ITEMS

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report which requested permission from Members to consult on two Taxi Licensing related policy items.

RESOLVED – That permission to consult on two Taxi Licensing related policy items be granted.

7. CASE NUMBER P1775

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

8. CASE NUMBER P1776

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant remained a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's recent conduct. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the driver's licence be revoked.

9. CASE NUMBER P1777

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

10. CASE NUMBER P1778

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant remained a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's recent conduct. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED (i) That a warning be placed on the driver's record and that the driver be advised that the Committee would not tolerate any more complaints of this nature.
(ii) The Committee recommended that the driver undertake training in wheelchair handling and customer interaction
(iii) The Committee recommended that Licensing Officers liaise with Uber and monitor any further complaints of this nature. Any breaches of licensing policies will be treated seriously and would necessitate the driver returning before the Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm