

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee
Wednesday 7th July, 2021 at 6.00 pm
in the Council Chamber, Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)
Councillor K Lewis (Vice-Chair)
Councillors M Aston, I Bevan, R Body, B Challenor, P Drake, D Harley and E Lawrence

Officers:-

J Deakin – Acting Head of Fleet and Waste Care and S Smith – Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) (Directorate of Public Realm), S Wright – Solicitor, K Taylor - Democratic Services Officer and G Gray – Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

6 Declaration of Interest

No Member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter considered at the meeting.

7 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June, 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed.

8 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual(s) as defined under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

9 **Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr IA**

At this juncture, Councillor Lawrence withdrew from the meeting.

A report of the Acting Director of Public Realm was submitted to consider the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr IA.

Mr IA, together with his representative, Mr MN, was in attendance at the meeting.

Mr MN made representations on behalf of Mr IA, and in doing so, explained the circumstances surrounding the relevant information disclosed at the Chief Police Officer discretion on Mr IA's Disclosure Barring Service Police Report. The Committee were requested to consider granting a licence for a probationary period.

Mr IA responded to a number of questions asked by the Committee, and in doing so, informed them that there were no further matters pending that needed to be brought to their attention.

Following a legal summary by the Solicitor, all parties then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Resolved

That consideration of the application for grant of a private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr IA be deferred pending clarification and further information to be requested from West Midlands Police on Mr IA's Disclosure Barring Service Police Report.

The meeting ended at 7.00pm

CHAIR