

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

### **Present:-**

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)  
Councillor K Lewis (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors A Aston, H Bills, R Body, J Cowell, S Keasey and E Lawrence.

### **Officers:-**

S Smith – Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) (Place Directorate); T Holder - Solicitor and H Shepherd - Democratic Services Officer (Chief Executive's Directorate)

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#### 1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors B Challenor and C Neale.

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#### 2 **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was noted that Councillor S Keasey had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor B Challenor for this meeting of the Committee only.

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#### 3 **Declarations of Interest**

No member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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#### 4 **Minutes**

##### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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5 **Exclusion of the Public**

**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 any individual(s) as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

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6 **Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AWA**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted to consider a review of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr AWA.

Mr AWA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the circumstances surrounding the offence committed.

Mr AWA advised the Committee that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr AWA be suspended for a period of one month, in light of the offence committed.

Mr AWA was advised of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

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7 **Application for a Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr TQN**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted to consider the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence on behalf of Mr TQN.

Mr TQN was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to his failure to declare the convictions that had been highlighted in his Disclosure Barring Service check.

Mr TQN advised the Committee that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr TQN for a period of twelve months.

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8 **Application for Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AS**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence on behalf of Mr AS.

Mr AS was in attendance at the meeting, together with his representative Mr Schiller.

Mr Schiller made representations on behalf of Mr AS, and in doing so, referred to the circumstances of the offences committed and stated that Mr AS recognised his mistakes and was now a reformed character.

Mr AS advised that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence be refused, as he is not deemed to be a honest person, in light of his convictions and conduct in the past, as outlined in the report submitted and therefore not considered to be a fit and proper person.

Mr AS was advised of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

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9 **Application for a Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr SB**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence on behalf of Mr SB.

Mr SB was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the circumstances surrounding the offences committed. He also confirmed that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, a hackney carriage driver's licence be granted to Mr SB for a period of six months.
- (2) That, subject to no offences pending at the time of renewal, officers be authorised to approve the granting of further licences.

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The meeting ended at 7.17 pm

CHAIR

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