

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee
Tuesday 30th June, 2020 at 2.00 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Present:

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)
Councillors A Aston, H Bills, R Body, J Cowell, A Goddard and A Millward

Officers:-

B Hughes – Assistant Team Manager (Waste and Fleet Care) (Directorate of Public Realm);
N Bangar - Solicitor and M Johal – Senior Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal)

25 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors K Lewis (Vice-Chair), B Challenor, E Lawrence and C Neale.

26 **Appointment of Substitute Members**

It was noted that Councillors A Millward and A Goddard had been appointed as substitute Members for Councillors B Challenor and C Neale for this meeting of the Committee only.

27 **Declarations of Interest**

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

28 **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.

29 **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AR**

It was noted that the review had been deferred at Mr AR's request to enable him to arrange appropriate legal or other support and access to visual means to attend.

30 **Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr NRK**

A report of the Director of Public Realm was submitted to consider the review of the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences issued to Mr NRK.

Mr NRK was in attendance at the meeting together with his representative and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the circumstances surrounding the offence as set out in the report.

Following further discussion, Mr NRK advised the Committee that there were no matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

Following a legal summary by the Solicitor, Mr NRK was informed that the decision by the Committee would be communicated to him by telephone and a letter outlining the decision made would be posted within fourteen days. All parties then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Resolved

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, in pursuance of S61(1)(b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences issued to Mr NRK be suspended for a period of one month in light of his conduct amounting to reasonable cause to evidence that he was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in accordance with the guidelines.

Mr NRK would be informed on his right to appeal the Committee's decision.

The meeting ended at 2.47pm

CHAIR

