PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Meeting, 29th April, 2025.

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<u>Present</u>: Councillor P. Drake (Chair); Councillor J.M. Norman (Vice-Chair); Councillors G. Bruce, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, M.J.G. Morgan and R. Sivagnanam.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE -

These was received from Councillors L. Burnett, V.P. Driscoll, R. Fisher, H.C. Hamilton, N.B. Marshallsea and M.R. Wilkinson.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES -

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 18th March, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

No declarations were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. APPLICATION TO WAIVE AGE POLICY GUIDELINES FOR LICENSING OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (DEH) –

RESOLVED – T H AT the age guidelines be waived and that the vehicle be presented for testing.

Reason for decision

Committee were content to allow the vehicle to be presented to the Alps Depot for testing, which would determine whether the vehicle was mechanically fit to be licensed.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC -

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

AGENDA ITEM 6. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE – S. (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION PARAGRAPHS – 12, 13 AND 14) –

RESOLVED – T H AT after careful consideration of the facts of the report and the information provided at the meeting, the application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's license be refused.

Reason for decision

Having regard to concerns that the Committee had regarding the information presented at the meeting and because, overall, the committee were not satisfied as to the honesty, integrity and suitability of the applicant to hold a Vale of Glamorgan Taxi Driver's Licence.

AGENDA ITEM 7. GRANT OF LICENCES – R. (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

RESOLVED – T H AT Driver R. be allowed to continue with the license application process.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the facts contained in the report, to the information presented by the Applicant, and the discussions at the meeting and because, overall, the Committee did not feel there were enough grounds to refuse Driver R. the opportunity to complete the process of application and testing required of applicants for a Vale of Glamorgan Taxi Driver's License.

AGENDA ITEM 8. DISCIPLINARY FOR A CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – A. (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Committee is satisfied that Driver A. remains a fit and proper person to retain a hackney carriage and private hire driver's license, but that Driver A. be advised verbally that there is a requirement to disclose any future driving endorsements, and that this verbal advice is referenced in a further warning letter regarding the matter, which is to be sent to Driver A.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the information provided in the report and at the meeting, and to ensure that Driver A. understands the requirements of their license.

AGENDA ITEM 9. DISCIPLINARY FOR A CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – M. (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

RESOLVED – T H A T at the request of the Applicant, this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

Reason for decision

To allow the Applicant to be present at the meeting whilst his case was discussed.