

## **Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)**

**Thursday, 14 September 2023**

Present: Councillor D Drummond (Chair)  
Councillors L Bartoli, E Darke and J O'Shea

### **RQ4/23 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted**

There were no interests or dispensations reported.

### **RQ5/23 Exclusion Resolution**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 12A the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### **RQ6/23 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral - Mr I**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Public Protection which set out the background to a disciplinary referral relating to the holder of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licence, Mr I.

The Committee was requested to determine whether any disciplinary action was required and to assess Mr I's continued suitability to carry out the duties of a licensed driver.

Mr I was in attendance at the meeting, along with a friend.

A Licensing Officer presented a report and Mr I and members of the Committee

were invited to ask questions.

Mr I was invited to present his case and the Licensing Officer and members of the Committee were invited to ask questions.

Following summing up of both cases, both parties left the room.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Take no action
- Issue a warning as to the drivers future conduct
- Suspend the driver's licence; or
- Revoke the driver's licence

In determining its response the Committee took into account all that had been presented and contained within the papers submitted to the meeting and had regard to Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards.

**RESOLVED** that Mr I's licence be suspended for a period of 3 months.

### **RQ7/23      Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral – Mr S – To Follow**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Public Protection which set out the background to a disciplinary referral relating to the holder of a Private Hire Driver's licence, Mr S.

The Committee was requested to determine whether any disciplinary action was required and to assess Mr S's continued suitability to carry out the duties of a licensed driver.

Mr S had been invited to attend the meeting but declined the invite.

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A Licensing Officer presented the report members of the Committee were invited to ask questions.

The Licensing Officer left the room to allow the Committee to make a decision in private.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Take no action
- Issue a warning as to the drivers future conduct
- Suspend the driver's licence; or
- Revoke the driver's licence

In determining its response the Committee took into account all that had been presented and contained within the papers submitted to the meeting and had regard to Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards.

**RESOLVED** that Mr S's licence be revoked with immediate effect as he is no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence with this Authority.