

Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)

Thursday, 29 August 2019

Present: Councillor J Stirling (Chair)
Councillors L Bartoli, J Cruddas, John Hunter and J Mole

RQ17/19 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ18/19 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 they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RQ19/19 Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral - Mr C

Following consultation with the Chair it was agreed to defer this matter.

RQ20/19 Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral - Mr L

The Committee received a report which outlined the reasons why Mr L had been referred to the Regulation and Review Committee. The Committee was requested to assess Mr B's continued suitability to carry out the duties of a licensed driver.

Mr L attended the meeting, along with his representative.

The Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included information on the reason for the referral and Mr L's criminal and licensing record.

The Licensing Officer then answered questions from Members of the Committee and Mr L's representative.

Mr L's representative, assisted by Mr L, addressed the Committee and provided an explanation as to the events that had resulted in his referral to the Committee.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr L's representative, both parties left the meeting room to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were to:

- take no action;

- issue a warning as to the driver's future conduct;
- suspend the driver's licence; or
- revoke the driver's licence.

RESOLVED that Mr L's licence be suspended for a period of 4 weeks in order to act as a means of deterring from any future conduct that would not comply with Licence conditions.

RQ21/19 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence Appeal - Mr C

Appeal withdrawn by driver.