

Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)

Thursday, 24 March 2022

Present: Councillor T Mulvenna (Chair)
Councillors John Hunter, J Mole and J O'Shea

RQ26/22 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted

There were no declarations of interests or dispensations reported.

RQ27/22 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 item 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.

RQ28/22 Private Hire Driver's Licence Appeal - Mr M

The Committee received a report in relation to an appeal against an applicant, Mr M, who had been refused a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

Mr M did not attend the meeting. As Mr M had not indicated that he would not attend, the Committee agreed to defer the case until a future meeting to allow Mr M the opportunity to address the Committee in person.

It was **agreed** to defer the case to a future meeting.

RQ29/22 Private Hire Driver's Licence Appeal - Mr A

The Committee received a report in relation a driver, Mr A, who had his renewal application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence refused as the Licensing Officer was not satisfied he remained a fit and proper person.

Mr A attended the meeting, along with his wife and his representative, Mr W.

A Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee which included relevant information from the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

Members and Mr W asked questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr W then addressed the Committee on Mr A's behalf and answered questions from Members.

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Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr W, all parties left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Uphold the appeal and agree to the grant of the licence
- Dismiss the appeal and refuse the grant of the licence

It was **agreed** that the appeal be upheld and the renewal of Mr A's licence be granted.