

Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)

Thursday, 30 March 2023

Present: Councillor T Mulvenna (Chair)
Councillors L Bones, P Earley and J O'Shea

RQ16/23 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ17/23 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 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.

RQ18/23 Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral - Ms P

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Public Protection which outlined the background to a referral relating to the holder of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, Ms P.

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

Ms P had been invited to attend the meeting but was not present.

A Licensing Officer presented a report to the Committee and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Following a summing up of the case, the Licensing Officer left the room.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Take no action
- Issue a warning as to the driver's 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 Ms P's Private Hire Driver's licence be revoked with immediate effect as she was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence with this Authority.

RQ19/23 Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral - Mr I

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Public Protection which outlined the background to a referral relating to the holder of a 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.

A Licensing Officer and Mr I attended the meeting.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and answered questions from members of the Committee.

Mr I was given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr I then addressed the Committee.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr I and sought clarification on a number of matters.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr I, both parties left the meeting room to allow consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

The options available to the Committee were:

- Take no action
- Issue a warning to the driver's 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 be issued a warning as to his future conduct.

RQ20/23 Private Hire Driver's Licence Disciplinary Referral - Mr G

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Public Protection which outlined the background to a referral relating to the holder of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, Mr G.

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

A Licensing Officer and Mr G attended the meeting, along with Mr G's representative.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and answered questions from members of the Committee.

Mr G and his representative were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

Mr G's representative then addressed the Committee.

Members of the Committee then asked questions of Mr G and sought clarification on a number of matters.

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

The options available to the Committee were:

- Take no action
- Issue a warning as to the driver's 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 & Private Hire Vehicle Standards.

RESOLVED that Mr G be given a warning as to his future conduct.