

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

**Thursday, 20 April 2023**

Present: Councillor T Mulvenna (Chair)  
Councillors L Bartoli and L Bones

### **RQ21/23 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

### **RQ22/23 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.

### **RQ23/23 Private Hire Driver's Licence Appeal – Mr S**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Public Protection which set out the background to an appeal submitted by Mr S against the decision of the Authority to refuse to grant him a Private Hire Driver's licence.

The Committee was requested to determine whether to uphold the appeal and grant Mr S a licence, or dismiss the appeal and confirm the decision of the Authority not to grant Mr S a licence.

A Licensing Officer and Mr S attended the meeting.

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

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

Mr S then addressed the Committee.

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

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

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 51 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 S's appeal be dismissed as the Committee was not satisfied that he is a fit and proper person to hold a licence with this Authority.