

Regulation and Review Committee (Panel)

Thursday, 2 December 2021

Present: Councillor John Hunter (in the Chair)
Councillors L Bartoli, T Brady, J Cruddas and J O'Shea

RQ13/20 To Receive any Declarations of Interest and Notification of any Dispensations Granted

There were no declarations or dispensation reported.

RQ14/20 Exclusion Resolution

It was agreed that the exclusion resolution be passed.

RQ15/20 Private Hire Driver's Licence Appeal - Mr S

The Committee received a report which outlined the background to an appeal by Mr S following the immediate revocation of his Private Hire Drivers Licence.

Mr S's representative had submitted a letter to the Committee asking for the matter to be adjourned in order to wait for further information to become available.

The Committee stated they had no objections to the adjournment.

It was **agreed** that Mr S's appeals be adjourned until February 2022.

RQ16/20 Private Hire Driver's Licence - Vehicle Condition Appeal - Mr M

The Committee received a report which outlined the background to an appeal by Mr M against the decision of the Authority to refuse his application for his Private Hire Vehicle to be licensed to carry 5 passengers on the grounds that the Licensing Authority was not satisfied the vehicle was suitable to transport more than 4 passengers.

Mr B attended the meeting and brought his vehicle for inspection by the Committee.

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

Members asked questions of the Licensing Officer. The Committee then inspected the vehicle.

Mr M then addressed the Committee and answered questions from Members.

Following a summing up from the Licensing Officer and Mr M, 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 for the licence to permit 5 passengers; or
- Dismiss the appeal and agree with the decision for the vehicle to be licensed for the transport of up to 4 passengers..

Resolved that (1) Mr L's appeal be dismissed and the licence not permit the transport of 5 passengers on the grounds of customer comfort.