

LICENSING AND REGULATORY PANEL HELD ON 25 APRIL 2019

Meeting commenced at 09:38 am

Meeting ended at 12.41

PRESENT: Councillors Warmisham (in the chair), Clarkson, Dawson, Fletcher, Hunt, McIntyre, Nkurunziza, Taylor, Warner and Weir

IN ATTENDANCE: Carol Eddleston (Democratic Services), Ronnie Farrelly (Regulatory Services), Barbara Gora (Legal Services), Chris Wilkinson (Regulatory Services) and John Wooderson (Head of Regulatory Services)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors King, Saunders and Joan Walsh.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: THAT, under Section 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they included the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. LICENSING BRIEFING

The panel was informed that the first final drafts of the GM minimum standards had now been issued. These covered driver, operator & vehicle conditions and were intended to ensure some commonality across Greater Manchester. It was anticipated that they would be released to drivers for consultation in June, with final comments required to be submitted in August, prior to implementation around April 2020.

As these were intended to be 'minimum' standards, individual local authorities could choose to impose more stringent conditions in their own area if they so wished and it might be appropriate to arrange a special meeting in due course to allow members of the panel to consider this Council's approach.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

PHV 2761 – Private Hire Vehicle Licence Renewal granted

PHV 3240 – Private Hire Vehicle Licence Renewal refused

6. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

PHD 426 – Private Hire Driver's Licence suspended with immediate effect pending the outcome of criminal proceedings and, consequently, PHV 3332 – Private Hire Vehicle Licence Revoked.

7. REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE

RESOLVED: THAT, the Private Hire Operator Licence be retained with a warning.

8. APPEAL AGAINST THE AUTHORITY'S DECISION TO REFUSE STREET TRADING CONSENT

RESOLVED: THAT, the decision to refuse street trading consent be upheld.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9(a) APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE

RESOLVED: THAT, the Private Hire Operator Licence be granted.

10. RE-ADMITTANCE OF THE PUBLIC

11. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2019 were approved as a correct record.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

As this was the last meeting of the current municipal year, the chairman took the opportunity to thank members and officers for their support and contribution to the panel which played an important role in safeguarding the public in and around the city.

The panel joined the chairman in wishing Councillor McIntyre a successful year ahead as Ceremonial Mayor.

Finally, the panel joined the chairman in thanking Councillors Clarkson and Hunt for their valuable contribution to the panel, Councillor Clarkson having joined the panel at the beginning of the current municipal year, and Councillor Hunt having served as vice-chair of the panel and chair or member of numerous premises hearings over many years.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The panel noted that the next meeting, currently scheduled to be held on 23 May, may need to be re-arranged, subject to confirmation of the UK's participation in the European Parliament elections.