

Regulation and Review Committee

11 June 2015

Present: Councillors G Madden, D McMeekan and J O'Shea.

RQ1/6/15 Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Councillor J O'Shea be appointed as chair for this meeting

RQ2/6/15 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor J Munby.

RQ3/6/15 Substitute Members

There were no substitutes reported.

RQ4/6/15 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ5/6/15 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 following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RQ6/6/15 Application for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor's Licence – Appeal against condition of licence

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services outlining the background to an appeal submitted by the holder of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor's Licence against a condition attached to the licence restricting the number of passengers which could be carried in the vehicle.

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Mr H was present, accompanied by his representative Mr W, and both took the opportunity of addressing the committee. Mr W, on behalf of Mr H, had submitted further information in support of the appeal.

Members examined the vehicle along with another vehicle as a comparison.

Following questions from Members, Mr H, his representative and the Officers representing the Licensing Section left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that the appeal lodged by Mr H against the condition attached to his Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor's Licence restricting the number of passengers to be carried in his Hackney Carriage Vehicle to 7 be rejected.

RQ7/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr R

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services outlining the background to a referral in respect of the holder of a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Mr R was present and took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

Following questions from Members, Mr R and the Officers representing the Licensing Section left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that (1) no further action be taken in respect of the conviction disclosed; and (2) Mr R's combined hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be renewed.

RQ8/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr C

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services outlining the background to a referral in respect of the holder of a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Mr C was present, accompanied by Mr and Mrs H, his employers, and all took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

Following questions from Members, Mr C, his witnesses and the Officers representing the Licensing Section left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that (1) Mr C be issued with a warning as to his future conduct; and (2) Mr C's combined hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence be renewed.

**RQ9/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence –
Referral – Mr S**

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services outlining the background to a referral in respect of the holder of a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Mr S was present and took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

The committee, in the presence of Mr S, observed a recording of the incident which resulted in the referral to the committee.

Following questions from Members, Mr S and the Officers representing the Licensing Section left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that Mr S be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

**RQ10/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence –
Referral – Mr N**

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services outlining the background to a referral in respect of the holder of a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Mr N was present, accompanied by a relative, and both took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

During consideration of this matter the Committee was advised that some of the information presented was disputed and it was suggested that further enquiries should be made to obtain clarification of the facts.

Resolved that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow officers to seek further clarification from Northumbria Police.