Regulation and Review Committee

22 June 2015

Present: Councillor K Osborne (Chair) Councillors D McMeekan, J Munby and J O'Shea.

RQ11/6/15 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence submitted.

RQ12/6/15 Substitute Members

There were no substitutes reported.

RQ13/6/15 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ14/6/15 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.

RQ15/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr N

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

This matter had been deferred from the previous meeting of the Committee to allow the attendance of the police officers involved in the matter.

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

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

Resolved that, on the grounds of public safety, Mr N's. Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

RQ16/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr S

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services which outlined 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.

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's. Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked.

RQ17/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr W

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

Mr W had previously indicated that he did not wish to attend the meeting. The Committee agreed to consider the matter in his absence.

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

Resolved that Mr W's. Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be revoked.

RQ18/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Appeal – Mr N

Prior to consideration of this matter the Committee was advised of a request from Mr N to defer consideration of the appeal so that he could be present at the meeting.

Resolved that consideration of Mr N's. appeal be deferred to the next meeting

RQ19/6/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Appeal – Mr D

The committee considered a report by the Senior Client Manager, Technical Services which outlined the background to an appeal lodged by an applicant for the renewal of a Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Mr D was present, accompanied by his representative Mr W and Ms M, a witness and all took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

Following questions from Members, Mr D, Mr W, Ms M 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 D's Combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be renewed; and

(2) Mr D be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.