

Regulation and Review Committee

12 November 2015

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

RQ67/11/15 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor K Osborne.

RQ68/11/15 Substitute Members

There were no substitutes reported.

RQ69/11/15 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations reported.

RQ70/11/15 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 the 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.

RQ71/11/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr T

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 T was present and represented by Mr W.

Mr W, on Mr T's behalf, submitted a request that consideration of the matter be adjourned to permit him to seek clarification over a number of matters relating to the evidence submitted.

Mr T, his representative, the officers from the Licensing section and the Safeguarding Team left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that Mr T's request for an adjournment be rejected

RQ72/11/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr A

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 A was present and accompanied by his wife and daughter. He was represented by Mr A, who took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

Following questions from Members, Mr A, his family, 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 Mr A be issued with a warning.

RQ73/11/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr F

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. Consideration of this matter had been deferred at the meeting of the Committee held on the 19 May 2015 (minute RQ72/5/15 refers). Since that time Mr F's licence had expired and he had submitted an application to renew the licence.

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

Following questions from Members, Mr F, the officer representing Northumbria Police and the Officers representing the Licensing Section and the Safeguarding Team left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that Mr F be issued with a combined hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence.

RQ74/11/15 Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Referral – Mr T (previous minute RQ71/11/15)

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 T was present and represented by Mr W who took the opportunity of addressing the committee.

Mr W, on Mr T's behalf, submitted a further request that consideration of the matter be deferred to a future date as evidence which was crucial to his case and which would provide clarification of the matters under consideration was not yet available to him.

After questions Mr T, his representative, the officers from the Licensing Section and the Safeguarding Team left the meeting to enable consideration of the matter to be undertaken in private.

Resolved that (1) consideration of this matter be deferred to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 14 December 2015; and
(2) Mr T be requested to provide a written statement of the facts, to be circulated with the papers for the meeting on the 14 December 2015.