

## **PUBLIC Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 25 September 2024 at 7.00 pm**

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**Present:** Councillors Aaron Green (Chair), Lynda Heath and Ryan Polston

**In attendance:** Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer  
Brad Wheeler, Licensing Officer  
Godwin Mangse, Legal Advisor  
Emma Trencher, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised the meeting was not being recorded for publication as both items on the Agenda were Exempt by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **11. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **12. Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **13. Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence**

*The Chair advised that an interpreter had joined the meeting, via Teams, for Agenda Item 4 to translate for the licence holder.*

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as outlined within the Agenda.

Video footage was played to the sub-committee, as referred to in the Agenda as Appendix C and E.

Members and the licence holder were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

The licence holder, through the interpreter, was then given the opportunity to present its case.

Following this Members and the Licensing Officer were given the opportunity to ask questions of the licence holder.

The Licensing Officer then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee.

The licence holder was asked to present a summary of the case to Members.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned for deliberation at 7.50pm and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.58pm.

The Legal Advisor read out the Sub-Committee decision.

**RESOLVED:**

**1.1(b) To issue a written warning with a condition that The Blue Lamp Trust Disability Awareness Training must be completed. Failure to complete the course could affect the licence holder's application to renew its licence upon expiration on 31 May 2025**

Action Point the Licensing Officer to provide to the licence holder details of the online training course that must be completed.

*The meeting of the sub-committee was paused at 8.00pm to allow for the arrival of the licence holder for Item 5 on the Agenda.*

*The meeting of the sub-committee resumed at 8.17pm*

**14. Review of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence**

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. He then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as outlined within the Agenda.

Video footage was played to the sub-committee, as referred to in the Agenda as Appendix B and C.

Members and the licence holder were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

The licence holder was then given the opportunity to present its case.

Following this Members and the Licensing Officer were given the opportunity to ask questions of the licence holder.

The Licensing Officer then provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee.

The licence holder was asked to present a summary of the case to Members.

The Chair sought everyone had said all they wished too; it was agreed they had.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned for deliberation at 8.42pm and were

accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 8.48pm.

The Chair of the sub-committee sought confirmation from the Licensing Officer that the Blue Lamp Trust Taxi Driver Proficiency Course covered customer service training. Confirmation was given that it did.

The Legal Advisor read out the Sub-Committee decision.

**RESOLVED:**

**1.1(b) To issue a written warning with a condition that the Blue Lamp Trust Taxi Driver Proficiency Course must be completed.**

Action Point the Licensing Officer to provide to the licence holder details of the online training course that must be completed

**The meeting finished at 8.50 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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