

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

9 APRIL 2019

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)
Councillors Dilwar Ali, Derbyshire, Goddard, Lancaster, Robson,
Simmons, Taylor and Wood

33 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davies and Jacobsen.

34 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

35 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 5 March 2019 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

36 : PRESTIGE VEHICLE APPLICATION - TELS A MODEL S

RESOLVED – That the Tesla Model S be approved as a prestige vehicle with a 10-year age restriction.

37 : REVISED GUIDANCE ON DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES IN THE HACKNEY AND PRIVATE HIRE TRADES

Members of the Committee are asked to consider applications for new licences or complaints against existing licence holders. In determining these matters the authority has adopted a policy to provide guidance on the treatment of convictions, cautions and criminal charges in respect of new applicants and existing drivers/operators. The current policy has been in place since 2015.

Members were advised that in April 2018 the Institute of Licensing published a document entitled 'Guidance on Determining the Suitability of Applicants and Licensees in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trades'. A copy of the document was appended to the report at Appendix A. The Guidance was produced in conjunction with the Local Government Association, Lawyers in Local Government and the National Association of Licensing Enforcement Officers following widespread consultation.

The Wales Licensing Expert Panel considered and endorsed the document with a recommendation that the guidance be adopted by all Welsh Local Authorities to replace their existing policies. Members were asked to authorise officers to consult with the local taxi trade on the Authority's draft revised policy, attached to the report at Appendix B.

RESOLVED – That the Licensing Department consult with the local taxi trade on the draft policy.

38 : URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

No urgent items were received.

The meeting terminated at 10.45 am