

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

2 JULY 2019

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)
Councillors Jacobsen and Derbyshire

3 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: To exclude the public from the meeting in respect of the following item in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as the item contains exempt information of the description contained in paragraphs 14 and 21 of Part(s) 4 and 5 of Schedule 12A Local Authority Government Act 1972 (as amended).

4 : HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE MATTERS

RESOLVED – That the following matters be dealt with as indicated:

(1) Disciplinary Hearing

The Sub Committee considered a complaint from a member of the public alleged that a driver had refused a fare. It was alleged that the complainant and her daughter approached the driver to ask if he was available. After they had entered the vehicle the driver was provided with the destination. The complainant was told that it was a very short distance, was provided with directions and told that the road was blocked off.

The driver stated that he was given the destination, he did say that it was a short distance and he did provide directions. He further stated that the complainant and her daughter then got out of the car. As the complainant opened the door the wind took the door and caused damage to the door and therefore he was unable to take the complainant to her destination.

Members were shown a copy of the CCTV footage showing the incident.

RESOLVED: That the driver receive a 10 suspension for refusing the fare.

(2) Disciplinary Hearing

The Sub Committee considered a complaint from a member of the public alleged that a driver had refused a fare. It was alleged that the complainant and his friend approached the driver and asked whether he was booked. The driver replied by asking where he was going and was told the train station. The driver explained that it was a short trip and that it could be walked whereupon the complainant indicated that he had a bad knee. The driver then said that the fare would be £25 and it was a fixed fare. The driver was told that pictures would be taken at which point he swore at the complainant.

The driver explained that he did not refuse a fare, he had collected a fare

from the Hilton Hotel, he had been asked to stop on Castle Street and was waiting for his fare to return having gone to purchase food at Subway. He advised the Committee that his light was not on and he explained that he was booked.

The driver agreed that he had initially told the authorities that he was not working at the time of the alleged refusal of fare, and advised that when he attended for interview he could not remember the specific date but later found out the details of the fare.

Members were shown a copy of the CCTV footage showing the incident.

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The meeting terminated at 2.00 pm