

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

5 APRIL 2023

Present: Councillor Michael (Chairperson)
Councillors Gunter and Jenkins

1 : EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The following item is confidential and exempt from publication as it contains exempt information of the description contained in paragraph 14 of Part 4 and paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The public may be excluded from the meeting by resolution of the Committee pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 during discussion of this item.

2 : HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE MATTERS

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

(1) Case 1

The Sub Committee were asked to consider a report on a driver who had received 6 penalty points for an IN10 motoring offence – driving without insurance. The offence was declared when the driver applied to renew his licence and not at the time of the offence.

The driver addressed the Sub Committee. Members were advised that the driver was licenced for private hire. The driver stated that he was approached by 2 passengers and took them to Tal-y-bont without being pre-booked. The passengers were Council Enforcement Officers and he was prosecuted in court for the offence.

The driver accepted that he had made a mistake and apologised. He was now aware that he was not insured to carry the passengers and he would not take such a fare in the future. He had previously been driving for 20 years without any issues reported.

RESOLVED – That the driver received a written warning and be required to complete the SQA Professional Driving qualification within 3 months.

(2) Case 2

The Committee were asked to consider a report on a driver who had amassed 27 penalty points on his drivers licence for 7 speeding offences. The offences were not reported to the authority at the time of the offence.

Members were advised that the offences occurred during the Covid-19 lockdown when there was no ambulance service available. The driver had relocated his family from Roath to Pontprennau and all the offences had occurred at the same speed camera. The driver stated that his wife was suffering with mental health issues and a heart condition. He was transporting his wife to hospital at the time of the offences and was using the family car. He was not working or transporting passengers at the time.

The driver stated that he was prosecuted in court for the offences. However, the judge took into account the mitigating circumstances and he was able to continue to drive. Since the offences occurred his is extra vigilant and has regard for the safety of his passengers.

The driver apologised for not reporting the offences at the time. He indicated that he was unaware that he needed to do so.

RESOLVED – That the driver receives a written warning for driving offences and not reporting.

(3) Case 3

RESOLVED – That the application for a grant of a hackney carriage/private hire drivers licence be approved.

The meeting terminated at 11.00 am.