

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

5 APRIL 2022

Present: Councillor Mackie(Chairperson)
Councillors Lancaster and Wood

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 Committee received representations from a driver who had received 6 DVLA penalty points for failing to disclose the identity of a driver. The driver stated that he was having some family problems and had moved out of the family home temporarily. Whilst living at another address he committed a speeding offence. He was unaware of the offence as the correspondence was sent to the family home address. He was also unaware that he was subsequently summonsed to court where he received a £660 fine, plus costs and 6 penalty points.

The driver accepted responsibility and asked the Sub Committee to consider that he has previously be driving for 21 years without committing any offences or having any complaints.

RESOLVED – That the driver receives a written warning for a driving offence.

(2) Case 2

Members were asked to consider an application in principle for a applicant who had a conviction for possession of a controlled substance with intent to supply.

Members were advised that at the time of the offence the applicant was an asylum seeker. He was unable to work legally and he was selling drugs to provide an income. The applicant accepted that he had made a serious error of judgement. He was now working as a delivery driver.

RESOLVED – That the application for a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire drivers licence be refused as the Sub Committee did not consider the application to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

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The meeting terminated at 10.40 am