

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2023

Present: Councillor Michael(Chairperson)
Councillors Bridgeman and Shimmin

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

Councillor Shimmin declared a personal interest in Case 4 due to previous social interaction with the wife of the driver, who was in attendance. The matter would be deferred for 1 month.

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

(1) Case1

The Sub Committee received representation from a driver who had received penalty points for speeding. The driver stated that the offence had occurred during a family emergency when visiting a relative in hospital. He was not working at the time of the offence.

RESOLVED – That the driver receive a written warning.

(2) Case 2

Members received representations from a driver who had received penalty points for driving without insurance. Members were advised that the driver was witness by Licensing Officers plying for hire in a vehicle that was licenced for private hire only, in contravention of the conditions of his licence.

The driver stated that he was waiting in a queue of traffic in the city centre. Two passengers entered the vehicle and in order to avoid any potential confrontation he decided to take them to their destination.

RESOLVED – That the driver receives a written warning and be required to complete the SQA qualification within a four-month period.

(3) Case 3

The Sub Committee considered the case of a driver who

was convicted of carrying a bladed object in a public place and using threatening and insulting words in a public place.

The driver stated that he was fined £695 at Magistrates Court for driving without insurance. An altercation occurred when a bailiff called at his home to collect non-payment of the fine. The offences were not declared at the time of the offences or on the drivers renewal application.

RESOLVED – That the hackney carriage / private hire drivers licence be revoked for use of threatening and insulting words, carrying a bladed object in a public place and for not declaring criminal convictions as required.

(4) Case 4

Deferred for 1 month.

(5) Application 5

The Sub Committee received representations from a driver who had failed to provide a valid DBS certificate.

RESOLVED – That the drivers licence be suspended until a valid DBS certificate is provided.

(6) Case 6

The Sub Committee received representations from a driver who had received a caution for an offence of battery.

The driver stated that he was involved in an altercation with a doorman in his social club. The driver provided his account of the incident. The driver stated that he was an ex-serviceman and he was a good driver. He was not working at the time of the incident and he was not a violent person or a danger to customers.

No further action

(7) Case 7

The Sub Committee heard from a driver who had received penalty points for a driving offence of speeding. The driver accepted that he was at fault for the offence and he regretted his actions.

RESOLVED – That the driver receives a written warning.

The meeting terminated at 2.00 pm