

LICENSING AND REGULATORY PANEL

TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 2009

PRESENT: Councillor R D Feldman in the Chair

Councillors J Dunn, G Wilkinson, D Wilson
and C Townsley

16 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following part of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information so designated as follows:-

Appendices C and D to the report referred to in minute 25 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(7) and on the grounds that it contains information pertaining to any action previously taken, or action to be taken, in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

17 Late Items

There were no formal Late Items of business. The Panel was however in receipt of additional information (Appendix C containing exempt information) relating to the appeal which was tabled at the meeting.

18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

19 Apologies for Absence

There were no formal apologies for absence as not all Members of the Panel were required due to the nature of the business to be transacted.

20 Refusal to Grant an Applicant a Contract Escort Permit to carry out contract work for Passenger Services (10.4 (7))

The Panel convened to hear one appeal against an officer decision to refuse the grant of a Contract Escort Permit required to carry out work for Passenger Transport Services. The report contained copies of the Taxi and Private Hire guidance booklet and LCC tender document which were referred to during the application process.

Members also received Appendix C of the report at the hearing which included a copy of the appellants' Criminal Records Bureau check and letters submitted by the appellant.

The Panel heard submissions from the representative of the Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Section and from the appellant.

The Panel initially felt they could not make a decision based on the material presented and adjourned the hearing until such time the appellants' prospective employer could attend.

The Panel reconvened later the same day. Members heard representation from the appellants' prospective employer and prospective colleague. Members then heard from the representative of Passenger Transport Services and again from the Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Section.

RESOLVED – That the appeal be upheld.

Members approved the grant of a Contract Escort Permit for a period of 12 months only.

The Panel took the opportunity to remind the appellant of the serious nature of the matters discussed and advised that her case would not be viewed favourably should she re-appear before the Panel again.