MINUTES

of the

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

held on 11 June 2020 at 7pm

Present:

Councillor L. Mascot (Chair)
Councillors D.G. Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors R.H. Ambor, L. Ashley. D.J.R. Clark, A.E. Davidson, J.A. Frascona, A.M. John, R.J. Lee, L.A. Millane and S. Rajesh

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hughes and Roberts.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interests

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or other registerable interests where appropriate in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. None were made.

4. Public Question Time

No questions were asked or statements made.

5. Urgent Business

There were no matters of urgent business

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for Item 7 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information failing within paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

6. Review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Drivers Licence

This item was adjourned before the meeting.

7. Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

Public interest statement: It is not in the public interest to disclose the content of the report because the information in it concerns the interests and circumstances of an individual who has an expectation that such information would not normally be released to the public. To do otherwise would establish a precedent for the future treatment of personal information.

The Committee considered a request from Mrs A to licence a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle, where the specification did not meet with the pre-licensing criteria. The Committee was informed that the vehicle failed to meet the conditions due to it being over 12 years old. The Committee also heard that the vehicle had been granted a licence by Committee in 2016 and it had recently passed its mechanical inspection at Freighter House.

Mrs A spoke to the Committee and informed them that the vehicle was in extremely good condition, had passed its MOT, mechanical inspection and was serviced regularly. Mrs A stated that the vehicle provided a valuable service to disabled residents as it had a rear loading tail lift and room for four wheelchairs. This meant that it was safer to use than a side loading vehicle when moving wheelchairs for example. Mrs A also informed the Committee that there was no similar transport nearby and losing the licence for this vehicle would affect many vulnerable adults in the area.

The Committee noted that the vehicle would be providing a valuable service to residents, had passed its mechanical inspection and were therefore happy to grant the licence for one year.

RESOLVED that the Private Hire Vehicle licence be granted for a period of one year.

(7.10pm to 7.29pm)

The meeting closed at 7.29pm.

Chair