

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday 16 November 2022

Present:

Councillors Foale, Asvachin and Wood

Also Present:

Legal Advisor, Licensing Officer, Democratic Services Team Leader and Legal Apprentice

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Asvachin was appointed as Chair for this meeting.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847

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APPLICATION TO RENEW A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE OVER 9 YEARS OLD

The Chair introduced the Licensing Sub Committee Members and Officers.

The Legal Advisor set out the procedure for the hearing advising of the requirements under Section 48(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Licensing Officer presented the application to renew a Private Hire Vehicle licence in relation to a four passenger, without wheel chair access vehicle which was over 9 years old at the renewal date. The Applicant had submitted a vehicle MOT certificate dated 8 October 2022, with a recorded mileage of 207, 462 miles. An independent mechanical inspection report, dated 8 October 2022 had also been submitted. The vehicle had been inspected by a Licensing Officer on 2 November 2022, and had been considered to be in a very good condition. The vehicle was confirmed to have been plated and licenced by Exeter City Council since 18 November 2016.

The Licensing Officer explained the Taxi Policy, which stated that vehicles presented for renewal aged between 9 and 10 years old would be referred to the Licensing Sub Committee for determination. Vehicles over 10 years old should not be granted, however, the Applicant had the right to apply for the application to be considered by a Licensing Sub-Committee if they considered that their

circumstances justified a deviation from the policy.

The Applicant who was in attendance spoke in support of the application and responded to questions from Members and the Legal Advisor.

RESOLVED that the application for the renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle licence be granted for 12 months.

(The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.25 am)

Chair