

## GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 4 June 2019

**PRESENT** – Councillors Clarke, Donoghue, B Jones, Lee and K Nicholson

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Amy Wennington (Principal Lawyer (Litigation)), Graham Hall (Head of Community Safety), Allison Hill (Democratic Officer), Brian Murray (Licensing Officer), Colin Dobson (Licensing Manager), Lesley-Anne Gallagher, PCSO M McAllister (PCSO) and Shaun Trevor (Fair Trading Officer)

### LGS1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor K Nicholson be elected Chair for the purpose of this meeting.

### LGS2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at this meeting.

### LGS3 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

**RESOLVED** – That, pursuant to Sections 100A (4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the ensuing item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### LGS4 REVIEWS OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 7)

**Ref 06/19** - The Director of Economic Growth submitted a report (previously circulated) to give consideration to a review of a Private Hire Driver Licence in light of recent convictions.

The driver attended the meeting and responded to Members questions in relation to the above, and to why they felt that they were a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

In reaching their decision, Members took into consideration the Council's Licensing Policy, which sets out the Council's stance on the Relevance of Convictions, Cautions and Endorseable Fixed Penalties in assessing whether an applicant is a fit and proper person; the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and Procedures; and Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

After careful consideration Members decided to permit the driver to retain their Licence, however they were unimpressed by the number of offences that the driver now had on their criminal record and therefore issued a final warning about their conduct.

**RESOLVED** – That the licence be retained and the driver be issued with a final warning letter in respect of future conduct and warned that if any further convictions, cautions, warnings or reprimands are received they would be referred immediately to the General Licensing Sub-Committee.