

Licensing and Appeals Sub Committee Hearing Panel

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30 September 2019

Present: Councillor Jeavons – in the Chair

Councillors: Ludford and Grimshaw

LACHP/19/103. Exclusion of the Public

A recommendation was made that the public be excluded during consideration of the following item of business.

Decision

To exclude the public during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons, and public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

LACHP/19/104. Review of Private Hire Driver licence and Hackney Carriage Driver licence (GA)

The Hearing Panel held a review of a Private Hire driver licence and a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of GA.

GA attended the hearing and was unrepresented.

A officer from the Council's Taxi Licensing team attended to give present the circumstances of the review.

The Committee considered the content of the report and the submission given the driver. The Committee was mindful that there was an ongoing police investigation into a serious allegation against GA on 11 August 2019, relating to a sexual offence on a passenger.

The Committee considered the information presented and determined that until the police investigation and any subsequent court proceedings had been completed it was not satisfied that the driver was a fit and proper person.

Given the serious nature of the complaint the licences were suspended with immediate effect in the interest of public safety.

Decision

To suspend both private hire and hackney carriage driver licences with immediate effect, pending the outcome of the police investigation and any court proceedings which may follow from that investigation.