

## **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a **MEETING** of the **REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE A** held on 20 October 2022 at 10.30 am

### **Present Councillors**

J Cairney, D J Knowles and Mrs E J Slade

### **Also Present**

**Officer(s):** Philip Langdon (Solicitor), Alan Drake (Licensing Officer)  
and Carole Oliphant (Member Services Officer)

#### **1 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

There were no apologies

#### **2 CHAIRMAN - ELECTION**

Cllr J Cairney was duly elected as Chairman of the sub committee.

#### **3 ACCESS TO INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Prior to consideration of a report from the Group Manager for Public Health and Regulatory Services to consider whether or not a license holder was fit and proper to hold a licence (or Licenses) with Mid Devon District Council the Sub Committee discussed whether or not the hearing should be held in public or private. Members considered the circumstances of the case and agreed that the hearing should be conducted in closed session. The following resolution was therefore passed:

##### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to an individual.

#### **4 HEARING TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON IS FIT AND PROPER TO HOLD A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE**

A hearing was held to determine if a person was fit and proper to hold a hackney carriage/private hire licence.

The Sub-Committee took into account the relevant legislation, the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy and the Department for Transport's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards regarding the 'fit and proper' test and especially the overriding consideration of public safety and maintaining the public confidence in the licensing process.

The Sub-Committee **RESOLVED** to:

Grant the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence on condition that the applicant undertake, at his own expense, training in relation to an approved speed awareness course. The training must be completed before the Licence was granted.

(The meeting ended at 11.35 am)

**CHAIRMAN**