



## Regulatory Subcommittee

14:30 to 15.30

9 August 2021

Present: Councillors Stutely (Chair), Peek (substitute for Councillor Brociek-Coulton) and Youssef

Apologies: Councillors Brociek-Coulton, Schmierer and Thomas (Vi)

### 1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE – CASE NUMBER 20 00827 PHVEH

(The applicant and the public protection licensing advisor were admitted to the meeting.)

The chair introduced the members of the panel and officers present. The applicant confirmed that he had received a copy of the report.

The licensing advisor presented the report.

The chair summarised the report stating that the applicant had failed to renew his licence before the renewal date on 8 July 2021, the application was made on 15 July. The chair asked the applicant to explain why his application for renewal of his licence had been late and following the explanation, the chair thanked the applicant for his candour.

The committee's legal advisor said that as there was not a current licence in place to renew the decision before the committee was whether to grant a licence or not to the applicant. He noted the report confirmed the mechanical fitness of the applicant's vehicle which the applicant confirmed.

(The applicant and the licensing advisor withdrew from the meeting at this point)

Members then discussed the merits of issuing a new licence. They noted that the evidence was that the vehicle was of a high standard and well maintained. They consider that although the criteria for issuing a renewal in this case were not met, as the licence had expired by the time the application for renewal was made, there were merits in issuing a new licence.

(The applicant and the licensing advisor were readmitted to the meeting and informed of the subcommittee's decision)

**RESOLVED** to -

- (1) grant a new licence for the full period in this case;
- (2) ask officers to ensure that the costs in issuing the new licence did not exceed that of a renewal; and
- (3) remind the applicant that he needed to ensure future applications were submitted on time.

CHAIR