CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON C O U N C I L

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes - 4 January 2024

Attendance

Members of the Regulatory Sub-Committee

Cllr Zee Russell (Chair) Cllr Gillian Wildman Cllr Jonathan Crofts

Employees

David Abel Licensing Solicitor

Shelley Humphries Democratic Services Officer

Lorraine Jones Service Lead Licensing

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. Title

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Greg Bickerdike and Donna Cope.

Lorraine Jones attended for Greg Bickerdike and Shelley Humphries attended for Donna Cope.

2 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Exclusion of press and public

Resolved:

That, in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act relating to any individual.

4 Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence

The Chair invited Lorraine Jones, Service Lead Licensing; the Applicant, MI and the Applicant's Solicitor, RS into the Hearing. The Chair led round-table introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

The Applicant's Solicitor, RS noted that a document which included a response to a previous request for clarity on whether the Applicant's private hire operating company was considered dormant or active by Companies House had not been included. It was verbally noted that an email containing this response had been sent to the Applicant and evidence included in the bundle demonstrated that records held by Companies House showed the company as active from June 2023, although it was agreed that this email would be resent.

All parties then agreed to adjourn the hearing as it was requested by the Applicant's Solicitor, RS that paper copies of additional evidence be provided therefore the Regulatory Sub-Committee hearing adjourned at 10:46 am.

The Regulatory Sub-Committee hearing reconvened at 11:25 am.

It was felt that the additional evidence had not been submitted in enough time for all parties to fully consider and therefore the Licensing Sub-Committee determined not to make a decision at that time and adjourn until a later date. The Applicant's Solicitor, RS wished it to be noted that the request to adjourn had not come from them however agreed to the adjournment.

Resolved:

That the hearing be adjourned and a new date provided as soon as possible.