WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held on Thursday 31 March 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE

PRESENT: Councillors P.Smith (Chairman) B.Fitzsimon (Vice-Chairman)

J.Cragg, G.Hayes and P.Zukowskyj

OFFICIALS Regulatory Support Officer (C.Bridges) PRESENT: Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan) Principal Litigation Lawyer (A. Byrne) Interim Governance Advisor (B. Bix)

ALSO The Applicant PRESENT: An Interpreter

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## 17. <u>APOLOGIES</u>

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor S. Tunstall.

18. <u>MINUTES</u>

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

## **RESOLVED**:

That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Agenda item 6 (Minute 20 refers) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) and Paragraphs 5 (privileged and legal advice) and 6 (statutory notice or order) Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## 20. <u>REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE</u>

Exempt report of the Head of Public Health and Protection on behalf of the Corporate Director of Licensing.

(Note: A detailed record of the Committee's discussion is contained in the exempt Minute).

Meeting ended at 7.52 pm