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Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor N J Collor

Councillors: O C de R Richardson
P M Brivio
R S Walkden

Officers: Contentious and Regulatory Lawyer
Regulatory Lawyer
Licensing Manager
Democratic Services Officer

Also Present: Mr S Fazula (Minute No. 38)

34 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S J Jones.

35 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

37 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2021 were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

38 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF POLICY GUIDELINES

The Licensing Manager presented the report to the Committee. An application from Mr Sherwan Saber and Mr Saber Fazula had been received for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for a Ford Galaxy, registration EF61 KFL. It was a six-passenger seat vehicle to be used for hackney carriage hire within the district and beyond. The vehicle fell outside of the current vehicle age policy, having been registered in January 2012.

The Committee withdrew to examine the vehicle accompanied by Mr Fazula and officers. Upon returning Mr Fazula had the opportunity to answer questions from Members about the use, condition, and history of the vehicle. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the downturn in business, the applicants were not in a position to replace the vehicle.

In accordance with the approved procedure, the Committee and the Contentious and Regulatory Lawyer withdrew from the meeting to consider its decision. Members noted the good condition of the vehicle and the need for six-passenger seat vehicles in the district.

RESOLVED: That, notwithstanding the Council's current policy guidelines, Mr S Saber and Mr S Fazula be granted the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Ford Galaxy, registration EF61 KFL, for a further twelve months.

The meeting ended at 10.21 am.