

Minutes of General Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting date Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Members present: Councillors Hilary Bedford, Jane Bell, Harry Hancock and

Paul Wharton-Hardman

Officers: Chris Ward (Licensing Manager), Tasneem Safdar (Shared

Legal Services Team Leader) and Coral Astbury (Democratic

and Member Services Officer)

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19 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Julie Buttery.

20 Declarations of Any Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21 Procedure

The Chair outlined the procedure to be followed.

22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved:

That the press and public be excluded for the following items 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 to the Local Government Act 1972.

23 New Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence

The Licensing Manager, Mr Chris Ward outlined a confidential report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and explained the application was referred to members for a decision as the applicant had previously had his licence revoked by the authority and was applying for a new licence.

The applicant and their representative were present at the hearing.

Members were requested to consider the report and decide whether to grant or refuse the application, taking into consideration all evidence put before them including the applicant's previous licenced history. Members were also asked to consider if the applicant could be considered a "fit and proper person" to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The applicant and his representative made representations to members of the committee.

Attendees at the hearing were also shown the video footage included at Appendix 2.

When summing up the Licensing Manager explained that although the policy stated that the applicant could reapply, he had not committed a criminal offence and the revocation was on the basis of non-conviction information. Members were asked to determine if he was fit and proper.

The representative also summed up.

In reaching its decision the sub-committee considered the following:

- 1. Both Written and Oral Evidence presented in connection with the hearing
- 2. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976/Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (where applicable)
- 3. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Section 1.7 and 2.4
- 4. The Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards guidance
- 5. The Statutory fit and proper person test.

Members resolved: -		
1. To grant the Private Hire Driver's Licence.		
Chair	Date	