

**DORSET COUNCIL - LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs Cathy Lugg, David Taylor and Kate Wheller

**Also present:** Cllr Emma Parker (as an observer)

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

Kate Critchel (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Roger Greene (Solicitor, Legal Services), Roy MacLeod (Acting Team Leader (Licensing)) and Peter Davies (Licensing & Community Safety Manager)

**INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Cllr Wheller, in the Chair welcomed all parties present and explain the procedure and process for the meeting.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest to report.

**7. Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

**8. Exempt Business**

It was proposed by Cllr Wheller and agreed by the panel that:-

Decision

The press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 1 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**9. Determination of the application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence – Mr L**

The sub-committee considered a report on whether the applicant (Mr L) was “fit and proper” to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence. The Acting Licensing Team Leader set out the details of the application including matters referred to as part of the Disclosure Barring Service check.

The Chairman confirmed to all present that the information that had been submitted after the agenda papers were published, had been circulated to the members of the sub-committee.

Members heard evidence and information from the applicant and his friend, who was in attendance to support Mr L. Following an opportunity for all parties to make their case, members asked questions of the applicant and the licensing officer.

All parties were given an opportunity to sum up their case before the sub-committee withdrew to consider their decision.

The sub-committee adjourned for members to make their decision and on returning

Decision

After careful consideration of all the evidence presented to them the sub-committee concluded that Mr L's application for a Private Hire Licence should be granted.

The meeting adjourned at 10.35am.

10. **Determination of the application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence – Mr B**

The sub-committee reconvened at 11.00am to consider an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence from Mr B.

The Chairman took this opportunity to introduce all who were present and explained the procedure for the meeting. She also reminded everyone at the meeting that the sub-committee was still in exempt business.

The Acting Licensing Team Leader advised that an initial application for a private hire driver's licence had been received by the Council. Following the result of the Disclosure Barring Service check members were now being asked to consider the application. The sub-committee was reminded that the test for a licensed driver was whether an applicant is a "fit and proper" person to hold a licence.

The applicant was then given the opportunity to address the sub-committee and members asked a number of questions. Following a chance for all parties to sum up, the sub-committee adjourned to consider the application.

The sub-committee returned and

Decision

After careful consideration of all the evidence presented to them the sub-committee concluded the Mr B's application for a Private Hire Licence be refused.

*That was the sub-committee's decision and a decision letter would be sent shortly after the meeting and any party who wishes to appeal the decision has 21 days from the date of receipt of the letter to submit an appeal to Weymouth magistrates Court, Westway Road, Weymouth, DT4 8BS.*

**Duration of meeting:** 10.00 - 11.40 am

**Chairman**

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