

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021

Present: Cllrs Jon Andrews, Brian Heatley and Emma Parker

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

Lara Atree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Steve Hartwell (Licensing Officer), Aileen Powell (Team Leader Licensing) and Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

70. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

71. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

72. Exempt Business

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, 2nd by Cllr Heatley

Decision

That 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 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

73. Existing Taxi Driver Complaint - Mr C

Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Heatley

Decision: that Cllr Andrews be elected to chair the application for Mr C

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether an applicant for a hackney carriage drivers' licence was a fit and proper person to hold the licence after a complaint regarding his behaviour was received from a member of the public.

Mr C was invited to put forward his case and Sub-Committee members were invited to put questions to the Licensing Officer and Mr C.

Mr C was given the opportunity to sum up and the Sub-Committee retired to make their decision.

Decision: That Mr C be given a verbal warning as to his future conduct.

74. **New Taxi Driver Application - Ms R**

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Heatley

Decision: that Cllr Parker be elected to chair the application for Mrs R

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether an applicant for a hackney carriage drivers' licence was a fit and proper person to hold the licence after an offence was revealed during the application process.

There were no questions from the Sub-Committee or the applicant for the Licensing Team Leader.

Ms R was given the opportunity to put her case forward and the Sub-Committee was given the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant.

There were no questions from the Licensing Officer.

Following summing up, the Sub-Committee retired to make their decision.

Decision: To GRANT the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

75. **Taxi Driver Renewal Application - Ms S**

Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Andrews

Decision: that Cllr Heatley be elected to chair the application for Ms S

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether an applicant for a hackney carriage drivers' licence remained a fit and proper person to hold the licence after a motoring offence was revealed during the application process.

Sub-Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Team Leader.

The applicant was invited to put her case forward and the Sub-Committee asked questions of the applicant.

There were no questions from the Licensing Team Leader for the applicant.

Ms S was given the opportunity to sum up her case and the Sub-Committee retired to make their decision.

Decision; To GRANT the renewal of the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, but with a formal written warning as to future conduct and a

requirement that Ms S must inform the Licensing Authority of any further motoring offence within 72 hours of the offence occurring.

76. Lunch Break 12;15 - 13;30

77. Existing Taxi Driver Complaint - Mr F

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Heatley

Decision: that Cllr Parker be elected to chair the application for Mr F

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether an applicant for a hackney carriage drivers' licence was a fit and proper person to hold the licence after a complaint regarding his behaviour was received from a member of the public.

Sub-Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr F

Mr F had no questions and was given the opportunity to put his case forward.

The applicant was offered the opportunity to sum up. The Licensing Officer had nothing further to add and the panel retired to make their decision.

Decision: That Mr F be given a formal written warning as to his future conduct.

78. New Taxi Driver Application - Mr A

Proposed by Cllr Andrews, seconded by Cllr Parker

Decision: that Cllr Heatley be elected to chair the application for Mr A

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether an applicant for a private hire drivers' licence was a fit and proper person to hold the licence after an offence was revealed during the application process.

The Sub-Committee was given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr A

The Applicant was given the opportunity to put his case forward.

There were no further questions from the Sub-Committee or the Licensing Team Leader. Mr A was given the opportunity to sum up his case.

The Sub-Committee retired to make their decision.

Decision: To GRANT the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

79. Taxi Driver Conviction - Mr K

Proposed by Cllr Heatley, seconded by Cllr Parker

Decision: that Cllr Andrews be elected to chair the application for Mr K

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether a licenced hackney carriage driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence after being recently convicted of offences of dishonesty.

Mr K was given the opportunity to present his case to the Sub-Committee.

All parties were invited to ask questions. Mr K and the Licensing Team Leader were offered the opportunity to sum up their cases before the Sub-Committee retired to make their decision.

Decision: That Mr K was a fit and proper person to retain a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Chairman

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