

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022

Present: Cllrs Les Fry, Emma Parker and Susan Cocking

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

Lara Altree (Senior Lawyer - Regulatory), Kathryn Miller (Senior Licensing Officer), Aileen Powell (Team Leader Licensing) and Denise Hunt (Democratic Services Officer)

155. Election of Chairman and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting

Proposed by Cllr Les Fry, seconded by Cllr Susan Cocking.

Decision: That Cllr Emma Parker be elected as chairman for the meeting.

156. Apologies

There were no apologies.

157. Declarations of Interest

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

158. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

159. Exempt Business

Proposed by Cllr Les Fry, seconded by Cllr Susan Cocking.

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

160. Taxi Driver Licence Application

This application was withdrawn.

161. Taxi Driver Licence Application

The sub-committee considered a report to determine whether an application for a private hire drivers' licence should be given after a Police Caution was

revealed on the Disclosure and Barring Service Certificate during the application process.

The Licensing Team Leader presented her report.

The applicant was subsequently invited to put their case forward and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other and to sum up.

The sub-committee retired to make its decision.

Decision: To GRANT the application for a Private Hire Drivers' Licence subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. To undertake Safeguarding Training within the first 3 months of his licence; and**
- 2. To register with HMRC within one month.**

162. Taxi Driver's Licence Review

The sub-committee considered a report to determine whether the applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence following a recent newspaper report that raised serious concerns after the licensed driver appeared in Court for a driving offence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented her report.

The applicant was subsequently invited to put their case forward and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other and to sum up.

The sub-committee retired to make its decision.

Decision: To REVOKE the Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence with immediate effect.

163. Dorset Council Taxi Policy

Duration of meeting: 10:00am – 12.30pm

Chairman

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