

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023

Present: Cllrs Derek Beer, Les Fry and Emma Parker

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

Elaine Tibble (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Roy Keepax (Senior Licensing Officer), Hannah Massey (Lawyer - Regulatory) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice)

21. **Election of Chairman and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Emma Parker, seconded by Cllr Derek Beer.

Decision: that Cllr Les Fry be elected as chairman for the duration of the meeting.

22. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs David Taylor and Mike Dyer, substituted by Cllrs Emma Parker, and Derek Beer.

23. **Declarations of Interest**

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

24. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

25. **Exempt Business**

Proposed by Cllr Emma Parker, seconded by Cllr Derek Beer.

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).

26. **Taxi Driver Application**

The sub-committee considered a report to determine whether the applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence after a complaint was reported.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented his 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 issue a written warning and require the driver to attend the next available safeguarding course.

27. **Taxi Driver Application**

The sub-committee considered a report to determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire/Hackney Driver's Licence after offences were revealed during the application process.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented his report.

The committee members were given the opportunity to ask the officer questions.

The driver was not in attendance at the sub-committee meeting.

The sub-committee retired to make its decision.

Decision: that the application for a private hire driver's licence be refused.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.20 am

Chairman

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