

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2023

Present: Cllrs Jon Andrews, Les Fry and Brian Heatley

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

Aileen Powell (Licencing Team Leader), Hannah Massey (Lawyer - Regulatory) and John Miles (Democratic Services Officer)

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

Proposed by Cllr Jon Andrews, seconded by Cllr Brian Heatley.

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

143. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Andrews Starr and Mike Dyer, substituted by Cllrs Jon Andrews and Brian Heatley.

144. Declarations of Interest

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

145. Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

146. Exempt Business

Proposed by Cllr Jon Andrews, seconded by Cllr Brian 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).

147. Taxi Driver Application

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether the Applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold a combined Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence after offences were revealed during the application for renewal.

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.

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149. **Non-Compliance with DBS Check**

The Licensing Team Leader introduced the report.

A number of drivers had failed to respond to repeated requests to do a six-monthly DBS Check as required by the Taxi Licensing Policy adopted in April 2022.

Decision: To suspend with immediate effect the licences of those named drivers who have failed to respond to repeated requests to undertake a DBS check until such time as a DBS check has been completed. To suspend the licences of those named drivers who have, following repeated requests, begun the DBS process but have not yet completed the DBS check until such time as the DBS check has been completed.

Duration of meeting: 11.30 am - 1.00 pm

Chairman

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