

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 15 June 2016 at 7.00 pm

- Present:** Councillors Graham Snell (Chair), Gary Collins and Joycelyn Redsell
- In attendance:** Applicant (Minute 6)
Applicant (Minute 7)
Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer
Linda Hicks, Licensing Officer
Paula Parrot
Simon Scrowther, Legal Representative
Charlotte Raper, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Kenna-Victoria Martin, Senior Democratic Services Officer
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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

7. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

8. Declarations of Interests

There were no interests declared.

Exclusion of the Public and Press

Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 (Information relating to any individual) of Schedule 12A of that Act.

9. Renewal Of A Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence

The Chair asked all parties if they had any requests, and it was noted that there were no requests.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to Members of the Sub-Committee informing them that the Applicant had been arrested, which put him outside the Council's policy relating to the relevance of Convictions, Formal / Simple Cautions, Complaint and /or other matters.

Members and the applicant were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer, there were none.

The applicant was then provided the opportunity to present his case.

Members and the Licensing Officer were given an opportunity to ask questions to the applicant.

The Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee that the applicant did not meet the Licensing criteria; it was therefore up to the Sub-Committee to decide if the applicant was a fit and proper person.

The applicant was asked to present their summary of their case to Members, in which he explained he hoped the Committee would grant his request so that he might continue to work to support his family.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions, there were none.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.36pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.46pm.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee agrees to refuse the renewal application in light of public protection without prejudice against re-application upon acquittal of outstanding charges.

10. Determination Of The Grant Of A Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence

The Chair asked all parties if they had any requests, and it was noted that there were no requests.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to Members of the Sub-Committee explaining that the Applicant had not supplied relevant documentation, which put the Applicant outside the Council's policy relating to the fitness to hold a license.

Members and the applicant were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

The applicant was then provided the opportunity to present his case, during which time he presented original copies of certain outstanding documentation.

Members and the Licensing Officer were given an opportunity to ask questions to the applicant.

The Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee that all documentation and verbal evidence had been put before Members, but the

required 'Certificates of Good Conduct' were still missing; it was therefore up to the Sub-Committee to decide if the applicant was a fit and proper person.

The applicant was asked to present their summary of their case to Members, in which he explained he had nothing further to add.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions, there were none.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 8.08pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 8.20pm.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee agrees to refuse the application and for the applicant to obtain necessary documentation from the relevant embassies prior to reapplying.

The meeting finished at 8.22 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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