

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 31 July 2019 at 7.00 pm**

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**Present:** Councillors Gary Collins (Chair), Fraser Massey and Joycelyn Redsell

**In attendance:** Applicant (Minute Item 7)  
Applicant (Minute Item 8)  
Applicant Representative (Minute Item 8)  
Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer  
Lois Bland, Legal Support Officer  
Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer  
Simon Scrowther, Legal Representative  
Kenna-Victoria Healey, 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.

### **5. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

### **6. Declarations of Interests**

There were no interests declared.

Councillor Redsell highlighted that the Applicant for the first hearing (minute 8) lived with her Ward; however, she did not know him personally. The Chair sought if the Applicant was happy to continue. The Applicant agreed that he was.

### **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.

### **7. New Application for a 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, the report was a new application for determination of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

Members and the applicant were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer. There were none.

The Applicant was then provided with the opportunity to present his case.

Members and the Licensing Officer were given an opportunity to ask questions to the applicant. There were none from the Licensing Officer.

Following questions from Members, the Chair moved on to closing summaries.

The Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee. She remarked that Members of the Sub-Committee had read the report and heard submissions from both Licensing Officers and the Applicant; it was therefore their decision to decide if The Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence.

The Applicant was asked to present a summary of their case to Members; he said stated that he was sorry for the incident and it would not happen again. He further thanked the Sub-Committee for their time.

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

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.10pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.18pm

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the Licensing Sub-Committee granted the Licence for a period of one year.**

#### **8. New Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence**

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The Licensing Officer introduced the report to Members of the Sub-Committee informing them, the report was an application for determination of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

Councillor Collins highlighted that the Applicant lived within his Ward; however, he did not know him personally. The Chair sought if the Applicant was happy to continue. He agreed that he was.

Members and the applicant were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer. There were none.

The Applicant was then provided with the opportunity to present his case.

The Applicant's representative stated she was a family friend and had known the applicant for a number of years, who she trusted with her life. She mentioned the he had made a mistake but was trying to move on and provide for his daughter.

Members and the Licensing Officer were given an opportunity to ask questions to the applicant. There was none from the Licensing Officer.

Following questions from Members, the Chair moved on to closing summaries.

The Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee. She stated that Members of the Sub-Committee had read the report and heard submissions from both Licensing Officers and the Applicant; including comments from the Police, it was therefore their decision to decide if the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence.

The Applicant was asked to present a summary of their case to Members; he said he was an honest and kind-hearted person and he just wanted to be able to do the best for his daughter.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions.

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.41pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.59pm

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Licensing Sub-Committee refused the Licence.**

**The meeting finished at 8.01 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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