

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 18 December 2019 at 7.00 pm

- Present:** Councillors Gary Collins (Chair), Fraser Massey and David Potter
- In attendance:** Applicant, Minute Item 23
Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer
Lois Bland, Legal Representative
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.

21. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

22. 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.

23. Determination of a New 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 for the Determination of a New Private Hire Driver Licence.

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

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.

The Chair then 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 heard submissions from both Licensing Officers and the Applicant. They were advised when making their decision the impact on a person's family of losing/not obtaining a licence was not a relevant consideration, and could not be taken into account; it was therefore their decision to grant or refuse the licence.

The applicant was asked to present a summary of his case to Members; during which he explained he did what he did. He further stated he would like to become a taxi driver as he had completed all of the relevant tests and it would be beneficial to him as he already had the opportunity of a job, should his licence be granted.

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

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.09pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.21pm.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee agreed to refuse the application.

The meeting finished at 7.22 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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