

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 18 March 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present:	Councillors Qaisar Abbas (Chair), Steve Liddiard and Shane Ralph
Apologies:	Councillors Joycelyn Redsell
In attendance:	Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer Adam Rulewski, Legal Services Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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.

30. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

31. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

32. 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 for a new application for 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 Principal Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee. During which it was highlighted that Council policy stated a driver was to have a UK or EU driving licence for a minimum of three years.

The applicant was asked to present a summary of his case to Members; during which he said he felt he had explained his case and had other further to add other than he had followed all guidance from officers.

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 7.17pm.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee agreed to grant the licence.

33. New Application For A Hackney Carriage And 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 a new application for a Hackney Carriage and 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 Principal Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee, during which he explain the convictions of the applicant put him outside of the Councils policy.

Members were then 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 down to the Sub-Committee to make a their decision on the licence.

The applicant was asked to present a summary of his case to Members; during which he commented that until this occurrence he was a good loyal employee for different companies. He further commented that he had previously held a taxi licence with no problems and was seeking a second chance to hold a taxi licence.

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

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.39pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.48pm.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee agreed to refuse the licence.

34. Application to renew a Street Trading Consent

The Chair addressed the Sub-Committee and explained due to the evolving situation with the COVID-19 virus and the guidance issued by the Government yesterday this application was to be adjourned to allow time to put sufficient procedures in place to hold the hearing in a way that will protect everyone.

The meeting finished at 7.52 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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