

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 30 October 2019 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Qaisar Abbas (Chair), Sue MacPherson (Substitute for Councillor Gary Collins) and Steve Liddiard (Substitute for Councillor David Van Day).

Apologies: Councillors Gary Collins and David Van Day

In attendance: Applicant (Minute Item 18)
Applicant (Minute Item 19)
Applicant (Minute Item 20)
Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer
Louis Bland, Legal Representative
Paula Parrott, Licensing Officer
Simon Scrowther, Legal Representative
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.

16. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

17. 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.

18. 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. 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.

The Chair moved on to closing summaries.

The Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee. He 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 grant or refuse the licence.

The Applicant was asked to present a summary of their case to Members, during which he thanked Members for their time and for listening to him.

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

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.26pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.36pm

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee agreed to refuse the application.

19. Determination of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

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

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. 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. He remarked that Members of the Sub-Committee had read the report and heard submissions from both Licensing Officers and the Applicant.

The Applicant was asked to present a summary of their case to Members, during which she explained that she was happy working.

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

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.53pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 8.04pm

RESOLVED:

That the Sub-Committee agree to suspend the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence for 2 Weeks.

20. Determination Of A Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

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

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. 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. He remarked that Members of the Sub-Committee had read the report and heard submissions from both Licensing Officers and the Applicant.

The Applicant was asked to present a summary of their case to Members, during which he explained it was a very busy period for the company and he asked that the Sub-Committee grant the licence.

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

The Sub-Committee adjourned at 8.31pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 8.37pm

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee agreed to refuse to grant the renewal application of this vehicle as it does not meet the pre-licensing criteria.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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