

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 19 August 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Gary Collins, Qaisar Abbas and Chris Baker

In attendance: Applicant Minute Number 6
Laura Bryan, Licensing Officer
Lois Bland, Legal Support Officer
Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the meeting, the Chair explained that the meeting would be audio recorded.

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

4. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business

5. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

6. 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 Private Hire Driver Licence.

Members and the applicant were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer. There were none from the Sub-Committee or the applicant.

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 the applicant did not meet the Licensing criteria under the statement of policy and guidelines relating to the relevance of Convictions, Formal / Simple Cautions, Complaints and/or other matters. It was therefore up to the Sub-Committee to decide whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver's licence.

The applicant was asked to present a summary of his case to Members; during which he said he had nothing further to add and felt he had explained his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions, there were none. The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.25pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.34pm.

RESOLVED:

The Sub-Committee refused to grant the Private Hire Driver's licence.

The meeting finished at 7.36pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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