

Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 25 January 2017, starting at 10am
Present: Councillor S Brunskill (Chairman)

Councillors:

G Geldard
S Hind

In attendance: Solicitor.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That by virtue of the following report being exempt information under Category 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

LICENSING HEARING – TAXIS

Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chief Executive which included details of an offence of speeding for which a private hire driver had received 6 penalty points on their driving licence. Under Section E of the Council's Convictions Policy, deals with motoring convictions. The offence is considered a major traffic offence pursuant to that policy and therefore had been referred to the Sub-Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

The driver was given the opportunity to make representations to the Sub-Committee, who considered all the circumstances, including the details of the offence, the driver's previous record and the voluntary reporting of the conviction by the driver. The Sub-Committee determined that the driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That no sanction be imposed.

Private Hire Driver's Licence and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chief Executive which included details of applications for renewal of a private hire driver's licence and a hackney

carriage driver's licence by an applicant. The applicant had failed to disclose details of a conviction for theft on his application for renewal, nor had he reported the conviction and sentence imposed at the time of the court proceedings. Evidence of the conviction and sentence had come to light on receipt of the DBS Certificate.

The driver was given the opportunity to make representations to the Sub-Committee, who considered all the circumstances, including the driver's verbal representations, and determined that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence and a hackney carriage driver's licence.

RESOLVED: That the applications for a private hire driver's licence and a hackney carriage driver's licence be refused.

The meeting closed at 10.30am.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).