

Minutes of Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting Date: Friday, 4 August 2017, starting at 2pm
Present: Councillor J Alcock (Chairman)

Councillors:

S Hind
J Holgate

In attendance: Solicitor (RVBC), Taxi Enforcement Officer (RVBC).

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

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the fact that the following items of business be an 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

Hackney Carriage Driving Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which included details of an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by an individual, together with information relating to a hearing on 15 May 2017 when the applicant's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence had been revoked.

The applicant attended with his representative, and gave his explanation for the events which had resulted in revocation of his licence. The Sub-Committee considered all the circumstances of the case, including the explanation provided by the applicant and his representative, and the applicant's lack of awareness of the conditions to which the licence was subject. The Sub-Committee determined that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

RESOLVED: That the application be refused.

Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report from the Chief Executive which included details of infringements which had taken place. The licence-holder, who held a Private Hire Driver's Licence, Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, and an Operator's Licence, attended with his representative and explained the circumstances in which he had been driving his licensed vehicle whilst suspended from driving and without displaying plates.

The Sub-Committee considered all the circumstances, including representations by the driver and his representative, and determined the use of sanctions against the licence-holder.

RESOLVED: That the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence both be suspended for 28 days.

Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chief Executive, relating to an application for grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, together with details of a previous application which had been refused. The Sub-Committee heard from the applicant with his explanation about a previous application, the steps that he had taken in the current application, and his current circumstances.

Having taken into account the submissions and all the circumstances, the Sub-Committee determined that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED: That the application be granted.

Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Chief Executive, which included details of infringements which had taken place. The licence-holder was not present, and had made no representations in response to the notice of hearing. The Sub-Committee considered all the circumstances of the case and determined the use of sanctions against the licence-holder.

RESOLVED: That the Private Hire Driver's Licence be suspended for 56 days.

The meeting closed at 2.40pm.

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