

## Minutes of Sub-Committee of the Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 7 December 2021, starting at 5.30 pm

Present: Councillor R Bennett (Chair)

Councillors: S Brunskill and S O'Rourke

In attendance: Solicitor, Administration Assistant (Licencing) and Jane Horsfield

### 1 WELCOME

At the start of each hearing, Councillor Bennett welcomed attendees to the meeting.

### 2 APOLOGIES AND RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer apologised for his absence.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, or other registrable and non-registrable interests.

### 4 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED THAT:

By virtue of the next items of business being exempt information under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

### 5 LICENCE HEARING - TAXIS (PERSON 1)

The Sub-committee received a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services informing them of an application for a private hire driver's licence and requesting that the Sub-committee determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The applicant who attended the hearing, produced a letter from his solicitors that made representations and observations on his behalf. The applicant also responded to questions from the Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee, having considered the submissions (including a submission by the applicant's character witness) and the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Council's Policy and Guidelines on Relevant Convictions, determined that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED:

That the application be refused.

### 6 LICENCE HEARING - TAXIS (PERSON 2)

Item withdrawn.

## LICENCE HEARING - TAXIS (PERSON 3)

The Sub-committee received a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting that they determine what sanctions should be applied against a driver under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 ("the Act") and the Council's Infringement Points Scheme (Hackney Carriages) ("the Scheme").

The driver attended the hearing and made submissions and responded to questions by the Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee took account of all the submissions, and the provisions of the Act and the Scheme.

## RESOLVED:

- That the driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a licence.
- That the driver should be issued a formal warning.
- That the driver be notified that if they accumulated further infringement points during the period of two years from the most recent breach, which had occurred on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021, this would result in a further Sub-committee hearing to determine any appropriate action.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

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