

LICENSING HEARING

Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2016 commencing at 10.30 am

Present: Cllrs. Lake, Parkin and Scholey

Also present: Applicant
Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer
Legal Officer

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr. Lake be appointed as Chairman of the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

3. Private Hire Driver License Application for Determination

The Chairman moved and it was

Resolved: That under section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public were excluded from the meeting when considering the report, on the grounds that likely disclosure of exempt information is involved as defined by Schedule 12A, paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual).

The Hearing gave consideration to a report by the Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services giving details of an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence. The application did not currently meet the criteria within the Council's statement of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, as detailed within the exempted report. The report requested that the Sub-Committee determine the application.

The Hearing heard from the applicant who explained that he had misunderstood the application form and therefore it was only through misunderstanding that he had failed to declare all required information.

The applicant responded to questions concerning the information contained within the exempted report.

At 10:47 a.m. the Hearing Members withdrew to consider the issues raised accompanied by the Council's Legal Advisor and the Clerk to the Hearing for the purposes of providing advice only.

At 11: 20 a.m. the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Advisor and the Clerk to the Hearing returned to the Council Chamber.

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The Chairman advised the Hearing that the Sub-Committee had had regard to the information provided by the applicant and that the Sub-Committee had been concerned about the information contained within the exempted report, however after hearing from the applicant they were now satisfied that the applicant was 'fit and proper' to hold a licence as a Private Hire Driver. If further infractions occurred before the renewal of the licence these would be taken very seriously. The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the applicant had been honest, that his evidence was credible and that the Council's application system had genuinely been misunderstood.

It was therefore

Resolved: That the Private Hire Driver Licence 16/02403/TXDPH be granted for 1 year only, with the informative that any further infractions would be taken seriously at the time of review.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 11.27 am

Chairman