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## CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

### LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2023

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on WEDNESDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 2023, at 10.30 am.

#### PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Dave Shaw

Councillors Iris Beech, Martin Greenhalgh and Ian Pearson.

#### 10 Declarations of interest, if any

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

#### 11 Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 12th May, 2023 and 17th May, 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 12th and 17th May, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 12 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the remaining proceeding of the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, on the grounds that exempt information, as detailed in Paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, was likely to be disclosed.

#### 13 Review of an existing Private Hire Drivers Licence and an existing Private Hire Vehicle Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual)

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of an existing Private Hire Vehicle Licence and an existing Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant (Licence Holder) and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, confirmed that they had received a copy of the agenda papers prior to the meeting.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner introduced the report and outlined the key points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which had led to the requirement for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the applicant was considered a 'fit and proper' person to be granted a Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner.

After the Applicant was allowed to explain his past actions and make a closing statement, he was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

The Applicant and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taken into account the representations made at the hearing, together with the Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence, decided that the Applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

14 Application for a New Private Hire Drivers Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual)

The Sub-Committee considered an application for new Private Hire Drivers Licence.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, confirmed that they had received a copy of the agenda papers prior to the meeting.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner introduced the report and outlined the key points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which had led to the requirement for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the applicant was considered a 'fit and proper' person to be granted a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. No questions were put to the Senior Licensing Practitioner.

After the Applicant was allowed to explain his past actions, responded to a number of questions from Members and make a closing statement, he was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

The Applicant and the Senior Licensing Practitioner were then asked to leave the meeting, whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taken into account the representations made at the hearing, together with the Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided that the Applicant was not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

15 Application for a New Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual)

The Sub-Committee considered an application for new Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant and his representative, and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, confirmed that they had received a copy of the agenda papers prior to the meeting.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner introduced the report and outlined the key points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which had led to the requirement for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the applicant was considered a 'fit and proper' person to be granted a Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. No questions were put to the Senior Licensing Practitioner.

After the Applicant and his representative were allowed to explain his past actions, responded to a question from a Sub-Committee Member and make a closing statement, they were thanked for attending and were notified that the Applicant would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

The Applicant and his representative, and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, were then asked to leave the meeting, whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taken into account the representations made at the hearing, together with the Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Hackney and Private Hire Drivers, decided that the Applicant was not a 'fit and proper person' to hold a Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence.

16 Application for a New Private Hire Drivers Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual)

The Sub-Committee considered an application for new Private Hire Drivers Licence.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, confirmed that they had received a copy of the agenda papers prior to the meeting.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner introduced the report and outlined the key points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which had led to the requirement for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the applicant was considered a 'fit and proper' person to be granted a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner.

After the Applicant was allowed to explain his past actions, responded to a question from a Sub-Committee Member and make a closing statement, he was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

The Applicant and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, were then asked to leave the meeting, whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taken into account the representations made at the hearing, together with the Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers, decided that the Applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

17 Review of an existing Private Hire Drivers Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual)

The Senior Licensing Practitioner, in introducing the report, informed the Sub-Committee that the Applicant (Licence Holder) had requested a postponement of the hearing, due to him being unable to attend on medical grounds.

The Applicant was not in attendance at the meeting and had submitted documentary medical evidence to support his reasons for requesting a further postponement of the hearing.

The Sub-Committee agreed that the hearing be re-scheduled and the Application be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the Sub-Committee. However, the Sub-Committee agreed that this would be the last opportunity for the Licence Holder to request a postponement of the hearing.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred and be considered at the Licensing Sub-Committee on Friday, 15th September, 2023.

CHAIR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_