

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2023

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on WEDNESDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2023, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Dave Shaw

Councillors Nick Allen and Bev Chapman.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor John Healy.

1 Declarations of interest, if any

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October, 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED that the public and press be excluded from the remaining proceedings 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 defined in paragraph 1, (*information relating to an individual*) of Schedule 12A to the Act, is likely to be disclosed.

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

The Committee considered an application for a new Private Hire Driver Licence.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, made introductions, 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 Committee to determine whether the applicant was considered a 'fit and proper' person to be granted a new Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The applicant explained her past actions and responded to a number of questions from Members.

After the applicant had made a closing statement, and was thanked for her attendance she was notified that she 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 Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence decided that the applicant is a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

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

As the applicant was not in attendance at the outset of the meeting, the Sub-Committee decided to adjourn proceedings for 10 minutes to allow the applicant the opportunity to attend the hearing.

RESOLVED that the meeting stand adjourned at 10.40 am in order to facilitate the attendance of the applicant.

The meeting reconvened at 10.47 am when the applicant was in attendance.

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

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, made introductions, 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 new Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The applicant explained his past actions and responded to a number of questions from Members.

The applicant was thanked for his attendance and notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing in 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 Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence decided that the applicant is a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

6 Review of an Existing Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers Licence and Review of an Existing Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual)

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a review of an existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence, and a review of an existing Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, made introductions, 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 new Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The applicant's representative, tabled additional documentation in support of the applicant's case.

The applicant explained his past actions and responded to a number of questions from Members.

After the applicant's representative had made a closing statement, the applicant and his representative were thanked for their attendance and notified that the applicant would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing in 7 working days. The applicant, 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 Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having reviewed the suitability to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence decided that the applicant is a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence and Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____