

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 2021

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE on TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 2021, at 9.30 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Iris Beech

Councillors Martin Greenhalgh, Charlie Hogarth and Thomas Noon.

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Ian Pearson.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

It was MOVED and SECONDED that Councillor Iris Beech be elected as Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee (for this meeting only).

RESOLVED that Councillor Iris Beech be appointed as Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee for this meeting only.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

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 any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, was likely to be disclosed.

4 APPLICATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the renewal of an existing Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Review of an existing Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Sub-Committee, the Applicant and the relevant Officers had received an agenda prior to the meeting.

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

The Licensing Compliance Coordinator, Chris Greatorex, introduced the report and outlined the salient 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

Since the writing of the report, the Licensing Compliance Coordinator advised that during the last six years that the Applicant had held a License, there had been no complaints regarding the Applicant's conduct.

The Applicant explained his past actions and responded to a number of questions from Members. With the agreement of all parties, the Applicant submitted additional documentary evidence in support of his case, which had not been provided to the Sub-Committee prior to this hearing, was tabled at the meeting for Members' information.

The Applicant, the Licensing Compliance Coordinator and Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

The Applicant was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taking in to account the representations made at the hearing, the additional information submitted at the meeting in support of the application, together with the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having reviewed the suitability to continue to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence, decided that the applicant was a fit and proper person for the purposes of the licences currently held.

## 5 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

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

The Sub-Committee, the applicant and the relevant Officers had received the agenda prior to the hearing.

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

The Licensing Compliance Coordinator, Chris Greatorex, introduced the report and outlined the salient 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 applicant explained her past actions and responded to a number of questions from Members. The applicant, the Licensing Compliance Coordinator and Trading Standards and Licensing Manager, were then asked to leave the room whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

The applicant was informed that she would be notified of the Sub-Committee's decision in writing within 7 working days.

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 is a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Drivers licence.

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The Applicant was informed that he would be notified of the Sub-Committee's decision in writing within 7 working days.

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 is a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Drivers licence.

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

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