

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 2022

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICE on WEDNESDAY, 17TH AUGUST, 2022, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Linda Curran

Councillors Nick Allen, Charlie Hogarth and Ian Pearson.

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF AN EXISTING HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of an existing Hackney Carriage and 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 Senior Licensing Practitioner, Daniel Tucker, introduced the report and outlined the salient points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which led to the requirement for the Committee to determine whether the Applicant was

considered a fit and proper person to be granted a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licences.

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

The Applicant his representatives and the Senior Licensing Practitioner 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, 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 not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers licence.

6 APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of an existing Private Hire Drivers Licence and review of an existing private hire vehicle 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 Senior Licensing Practitioner, Daniel Tucker, introduced the report and outlined the key points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances that 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.

The applicant explained his 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.

Committee Members were unable to reach a majority decision as to whether the applicant were a fit a proper person to hold the Private Hire Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence. The Chair therefore used her casting vote in order to reach a decision.

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.

7 APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW OF AN EXISTING HACKNEY/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

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

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

The hearing was conducted in the absence of the applicant.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner, Daniel Tucker, introduced the report and outlined the key elements in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which led to the requirement for the Committee to determine whether the Applicant was considered a fit and proper person to be granted a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licences.

The Senior Licensing Practitioner was then asked to leave the room whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

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 not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers licence.

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

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