

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 2022

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on WEDNESDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 2022, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Dave Shaw

Councillors Iris Beech, Martin Greenhalgh and Emma Muddiman-Rawlins.

1 TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT , IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

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 of Schedule 12A to the Act, is likely to be disclosed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

3 APPLICATION TO RENEW AN EXISTING HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE / REVIEW ON AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

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

The Committee and the applicant were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. No questions were put by the Committee or applicant.

The applicant was then invited to make representations in support of his case. The applicant explained his past actions and responded to questions from Members.

The applicant was invited to make a closing statement. The applicant's relative who was also in attendance at the meeting made representations on behalf of the applicant to support the applicant's case.

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, the applicant's relative and Licensing Practitioner, were, then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application in private.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taking into account the representations made at the hearing, together with the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, and having reviewed the suitability to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage and 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 and the application to renew.

4 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

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 relevant Officers 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Committee and the applicant were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. No questions were put by the Committee or the applicant.

With the agreement of the Committee, the applicant's union representative, acting on behalf of the applicant, tabled for Members' information, additional documentation in support of his case.

The applicant was invited to make representations in support of his case. The applicant and the union representative explained the applicant's past actions and responded to questions from Members and the Senior Legal Officer.

The Chair invited the applicant to make a closing statement. The applicant's union representative on behalf of the applicant made a final statement.

The applicant was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing in 7 working days.

The applicant, the applicant's representative and Licensing Practitioner, were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application in private.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee having considered the report, taking into account the representations made and additional evidence presented at the hearing, together with the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, and having reviewed the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided to refuse to grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence. The applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____