

CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 2023

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on WEDNESDAY, 17TH MAY, 2023, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Dave Shaw

Councillors Nick Allen, Bev Chapman and John Healy.

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

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

6 REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL)

The Senior Licensing Practitioner, in introducing the report informed the Sub-Committee that the Licence Holder had previously requested a postponement of the hearing, due to him being unable to attend as he was out of the country.

The Licence Holder was not in attendance at the meeting and had submitted documentary evidence to support his reasons for requesting a further postponement of the hearing, which was due to a family bereavement, a copy of which were tabled at the meeting for Members' consideration.

The Sub-Committee considered the evidence that had been provided and agreed that the hearing to be re-scheduled and the application be considered at a future meeting. 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 to a future meeting.

7 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED that the meeting stand adjourned at 10.12 am to await the arrival of the next applicant at 10.30 am. The meeting Reconvened at 10.30 am.

8 REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL)

The Licence Holder was not in attendance at the outset of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to allow the Senior Licensing Practitioner to contact the applicant to ascertain whether he was attending the hearing.

RESOLVED that the meeting stand adjourned at 10.35 am to allow for the arrival of the Licence Holder. The meeting reconvened at 10.44 am with the Licence Holder in attendance.

The Sub-Committee considered an application for an existing Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Vehicle licences.

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, the 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 salient points in relation to the application, explaining the circumstances which led to the requirement for the Sub-Committee to determine whether the Licence Holder was considered a 'fit and proper' person to be granted a Private Hire Driver and Private Hire Vehicle Licences.

The Licence Holder explained his past actions and responded to a number of questions from the Sub-Committee.

After the Licence Holder had made a closing statement, he was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing.

The Licence Holder 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, and having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers, and Private Hire Vehicle licences, decided that the Licence Holder is a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers licence and Private Hire Vehicle licence.

9 REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).

The Licence Holder was not in attendance at the outset of the meeting. The Sub-Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting to allow the Senior Licensing Practitioner time to contact the applicant to ascertain whether he was attending the hearing.

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee stand adjourned at 11.10 to allow sufficient time for the Licence Holder to attend.

The meeting reconvened at 11.10 am. The Senior Licensing Practitioner, having contacted the applicant reported that the Licence Holder had inadvertently recorded the incorrect date in his diary and had recently been in hospital, therefore, he requested that the application be postponed to a later date.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred to a future meeting.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____