CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2023

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on WEDNESDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER, 2023, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Dave Shaw

Councillors Bev Chapman, John Healy and Leanne Hempshall

12 <u>TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE</u> TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.

<u>RESOLVED</u> that the public and press be excluded from the remaining proceeding 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 detailed in Paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, was likely to be disclosed.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

14 APPLICATION FOR A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence. At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant, his representative 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. After the Applicants representative was allowed to explain the applicant's past actions and make a closing statement, they were thanked for his attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

The Applicant, their representative and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

<u>RESOLVED</u> 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided that the Applicant was not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence.

15 <u>APPLICATION FOR A NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).</u>

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence. At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence and a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner if they needed any further clarity on any of the points raised.

After the Applicant was allowed to explain their past actions and make a closing statement, the applicant was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he 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.

<u>RESOLVED</u> 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided that the Applicant was not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

16 <u>APPLICATION FOR A FOR A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE</u> DRIVERS LICENCE, AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence. At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Sub-Committee Members, the Applicant, his legal representative 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence alongside a review of an existing Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner if they required any further information or required any clarification.

After the Applicants legal representative was allowed to explain the applicant's past actions and explain some points relating to the review, he made closing statement, and they were thanked for their attendance and was notified that he would receive the decision of the Sub-Committee in writing within 7 working days.

The Applicant, their legal representative and the Senior Licensing Practitioner, were then asked to leave the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee deliberated the application.

<u>RESOLVED</u> 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided that the Applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence.

17 <u>APPLICATION FOR A NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).</u>

The Sub-Committee considered an application for new Private Hire Drivers Licence. At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. No questions were put to the Senior Licensing Practitioner.

After the Applicant was allowed to explain his past actions, responded to a number of questions from Members and make a closing statement, he was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he 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 Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, having considered the suitability to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided that the Applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence

18 <u>APPLICATION FOR A NEW HACKNEY & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE</u> (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).

The Sub-Committee considered an application for new Private Hire Drivers Licence. At the commencement of the hearing, the Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting, 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 Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. No questions were put to the Senior Licensing Practitioner.

After the Applicant was allowed to explain his past actions, responded to a number of questions from Members and make a closing statement, he was thanked for his attendance and was notified that he 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.

<u>RESOLVED</u> 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 Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence, decided that the Applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence

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