

CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 2024

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 2024, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Iris Beech

Councillors Bev Chapman, Martin Greenhalgh, Debbie Hutchinson and David Nevett

APOLOGIES:

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dave Shaw

19 Election of Chair

Due to the absence of the Chair, Councillor Dave Shaw, who had submitted his apologies, it was moved and seconded that Councillor Iris Beech be appointed as Chair for the duration of the Sub-Committee.

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

20 Declarations of interest, if any.

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

21 Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting on 15th and 29th November 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee Meetings held on 15th and 29th November, 2023 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

22 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 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 detailed in Paragraph 1 (information relating to any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act was likely to be disclosed.

- 23 Review of an Existing Private Hire Drivers Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual).

The Sub-Committee considered a review of an existing 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. After the Applicant was allowed to explain his past actions and make a closing statement, he 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 not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

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The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner. After the Applicant answered questions and explained his past actions, he was invited to make a closing statement, before being 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 not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

25 Application for a New Private Hire Drivers Licence (Exclusion paragraph 1, information relating to an individual).

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, and outlined the procedure to be followed.

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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 not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

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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.

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.

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 not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

CHAIR:_____

DATE:_____