

CITY OF DONCASTER COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2024

A MEETING of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE was held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, WATERDALE, DONCASTER DN1 3BU on WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2024, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair – Councillor David Nevett

Councillors Bev Chapman, Debbie Hutchinson and Ian Pearson

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Iris Beech

27 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR.

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee, it was moved and seconded that Councillor David Nevett be appointed as Chair for the duration of the Sub-Committee.

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

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY.

There were no declarations reported at the meeting.

29 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY, 2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February, 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

30 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 is likely to be disclosed.

31 REVIEW OF AN EXISTING HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND REVIEW OF AN EXISTING PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE (EXCLUSION PARAGRAPH 1, INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL).

The Sub-Committee considered a review of an existing Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver Licence and review of an existing Private Hire Vehicle 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, their representatives and the Licensing Compliance Officers confirmed that they had received a copy of the agenda papers prior to the meeting.

The Licensing Compliance Officer 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Sub-Committee Members were invited to ask questions of the Licensing Compliance Officer and Applicant. 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, representatives, and the Licensing Compliance Officers, 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 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence, decided that the Applicant was not a 'fit a proper' person to hold these Licences.

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CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____