

Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee – 2 August 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the **Licensing & Appeals Sub-Committee** held on **2 August 2019** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C A Weston

Cllr B T Hazlewood

Cllr P J Shaw

OFFICERS PRESENT

C Irwin	- Solicitor
S Greener	- Licensing Officer
S Worthington	- Democratic Services Officer

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

1 PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

The Sub-Committee noted the procedure to be followed in hearing the appeals.

2 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered the exempt report of the Assistant Director, People & Communities relating to an application to renew a combined hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence.

The Sub-Committee considered all the exempt evidence circulated in advance of the hearing and the oral evidence and clarifications provided at the meeting. The Sub-Committee, although mindful of the driver's employment supporting dependant family members, took into account the fact that the applicant had 11 points on his driving licence, in addition to previous spent points on his licence which only came to light during oral evidence presented at the hearing. The Sub-Committee also noted that the applicant had failed to update the Council with details of a careless driving offence and the additional five points on his licence. The Council's licensing conditions required drivers to inform the Council within seven days of being charged with offences. The Sub-Committee was mindful of the Council's duty as a Licensing Authority to protect the safety of the travelling public. It considered that the 11 points on the applicant's licence, combined with the spent points from 2012, showed a pattern of offending.

The Sub-Committee therefore determined that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a combined hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence and deemed it appropriate, therefore, to revoke the applicant's

licence.

Resolved

That the combined hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence be revoked. (ADP&C)

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and closed at 11.35 am

Chairman

Date

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