



Licensing Sub-Committee (Private Hire/Hackney Carriage)

Minutes - 22 April 2015

Attendance

Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Private Hire/Hackney Carriage)

Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Chair)
Cllr Patricia Patten
Cllr Rita Potter

Employees

Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer
Sarah Hardwick	Solicitor
Elaine Moreton	Section Leader - Licensing

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 Exclusion of Press and Public**
Resolved:
That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act relating to the business affairs of particular persons.
- 4 Review of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence**
Mr JI was present at the meeting accompanied by his wife.

The Chair made introductions and outlined the procedure to be followed during the meeting. The Section Leader (Licensing) outlined the report which had been circulated to all parties in advance.

Mr I responded to the Sub-Committee members and employees of the Council in regard to the complaint of inappropriate behaviour/conduct. He also circulated to the meeting some character references.

JL, his wife and the Section Leader (Licensing) withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the matter. They considered all the information presented at the meeting, specifically the circumstances surrounding the complaint received by Licensing Services on 11 February 2015. They noted that a serious allegation had been made in regard to the driver's conduct on the evening of 6 February 2015. They also took into account the character references produced. The Sub-Committee believed that inappropriate conduct had taken place and:

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and paragraph 5.1.25(a) of the Guidelines Relating to Relevance of Convictions and Breaches of Licence Conditions, the Licensing Sub-Committee have decided to suspend Mr JL's Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence for a period of two months.

The driver has a right of appeal against the above decision within 21 days of written receipt of this decision.