

Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes - 20 January 2016

Attendance

Chair Cllr Alan Bolshaw (Lab)

Labour

Conservative

Cllr Mark Evans
Cllr Patricia Patten

Employees

Linda Banbury
Sarah Hardwick
Elaine Moreton

Democratic Support Officer
Solicitor
Section Leader - Licensing

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence. The meeting opened at 10 am and was adjourned for a period of five minutes as the applicant had not arrived. The meeting re-commenced at 10.05 am in the absence of the applicant.

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 a particular person.

4 Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence

Elaine Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing), outlined the report which had been circulated to all parties in advance of the meeting. The Sub-Committee viewed CCTV footage of when the applicant (ARFM) attended Licensing Services on 7 December 2015, demanding either his badge or his money back. The footage showed him acting very impatiently and thumping the Licensing Services reception desk. The Licensing Manager's report referred to the fact that he was also verbally aggressive. Members of the Keeping Staff were called in order to attempt calm the person down and remain in the area to keep an eye on the situation. The Police were also contacted but did not arrive until after the applicant had left the building.

The Solicitor advised the Sub-Committee of the options open to them in determining the application, including the power to depart from guidelines relating to relevance if convictions and breaches of licence conditions.

Resolved:

That, having considered all the evidence, both written and oral, together with the viewing of CCTV footage relating ARFM's visit to Licensing Services, the Sub-Committee do not believe that the applicant is a fit and proper person. Therefore, in accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Sub-Committee have decided not to grant a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence to ARFM.

This decision is made in accordance with paragraph 5.1.25(a) of the guidelines relating to relevance of convictions and breaches of licence conditions agreed by the Licensing Committee on 25 July 2012.