

MINUTES

meeting: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **4 APRIL 2012**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Dass (Chair);
Councillors Claymore and Davis

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

- S Hardwick - Senior Solicitor, Governance Services,
Delivery Directorate
- E Moreton - Section Leader (Licensing), Regeneration
Division, Education and Enterprise
Directorate
- C W Craney - Democratic Services Officer – Democratic
Support Officer, Governance Services,
Delivery Directorate

Wolverhampton
City Council



PART I - OPEN ITEMS
(Open to the Press and Public)

Apologies for Absence

236 No apologies for absence were received.

Declarations of Interest

237 No declarations of interest were made in relation to the matters under consideration at the meeting.

Exclusion of Press and Public

238 Resolved:-
That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in Part II of the Agenda, on the grounds that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act (information relating to the business affairs of a particular person) is likely to be disclosed.

PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS
(Press and Public Excluded)

Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence
(Appendix 40)

In attendance:-
Mr A A Jones - Applicant

The Chair, Councillor Dass, introduced the Sub-Committee Officers and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. E Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing), Regeneration Division, Education and Enterprise Directorate, outlined briefly the report. Mr Jones outlined the background to his convictions and of the changes he had made in his lifestyle since 2006.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and the Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make its decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

239 Resolved:-
That having given careful consideration to all of the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened carefully to the representations made by the applicant at the meeting, a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted to Mr A A Jones subject to a review by the Head of Service in 6 and 12 months time.

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the Sub-Committee. The parties then withdrew.

**Application for Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence
(Appendix 41)**

In attendance:-
Mr A P Graham - Applicant

The Chair, Councillor Dass introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. E Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing), Regeneration Division, Education and Enterprise Directorate, then outlined briefly the report. The applicant Mr A P Graham explained the background to his conviction and responded to questions posed by Members and Officers.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and the Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make its decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

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Resolved:-

That having given careful consideration to all of the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened carefully to the representations made by the applicant at the meeting, a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted to Mr A P Graham subject to a review by the Head of Service in 6 and 12 months time.

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the Sub-Committee. The parties then withdrew.

**Review Prior to Renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence
(Appendix 42)**

In attendance:-
Mr L D Jackson - Applicant

The Chair, Councillor Dass, introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. E Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing), Regeneration Division, Education and Enterprise Directorate, then outlined briefly the report. The applicant, Mr L D Jackson outlined the background to his convictions and his failure to comply with the Private Hire Driver's Licence conditions.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and the Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make its decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

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Resolved:-

That having given careful consideration to all of the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened to the representations made by the applicant at the meeting, the application to renew the Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be refused in accordance with paragraphs 5.1.1(b), 5.1.18(b) and 5.1.19(b) of the Council's Guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and breaches of licence conditions. In accordance with Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the applicant had a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of receipt of the decision.

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the Sub-Committee. The parties then withdrew.

Review Prior to Renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence (Appendix 43)

In attendance:-

Mr W Nisar - Applicant

The Chair, Councillor Dass, introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. E Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing), Regeneration Division, Education and Enterprise Directorate, then outlined briefly the report. The applicant, Mr W Nisar outlined the background to his convictions and his failure to comply with the Private Hire Driver's Licence conditions and responded to questions raised by members and officers.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and the Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make its decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

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Resolved:-

That having given careful consideration to all of the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened carefully to the representations made at the meeting a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be granted to Mr W Nasir subject to review in 6 and 12 months time of the Head of Service.

The parties returned and the Chair outlined the decision of the sub-committee. The parties then withdrew.

Review of Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence (Appendix 44)

In attendance:-

Mr A Rauf – Applicant, accompanied by Mr M Ali.

The Chair, Councillor Dass, introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers and outlined the procedure to be followed at the meeting. E Moreton, Section Leader (Licensing), Regeneration Division, Education and Enterprise Directorate, then outlined briefly the report. The applicant, Mr A Rauf outlined the background to his convictions and his failure to comply with the Private Hire Driver's Licence conditions.

Mr Rauf, assisted by Mr Ali, explained the background to the 2011 conviction and responded to questions posed by Members and Officers.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and the Democratic Support Officer, then withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make its decision.

The Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the matter.

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Resolved:-

That having given careful consideration to all of the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened to the representations made at the meeting by the applicant, the Sub-Committee considered that Mr Rauf was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, as such no further action would be taken on this matter.