

M M I N U T E S

meeting: **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **27 JUNE 2012**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Dass (Chair)
Councillors Claymore and Clarke

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

Delivery (Governance)

L Banbury, Democratic Support Officer

S Hardwick, Senior Solicitor

L Wilsden, (Work Experience – in the capacity of observer,
with the approval all parties) (Agenda Item 6 only)

Education and Enterprise (Regulatory Services)

E Moreton, Section Leader, Licensing

Wolverhampton
City Council



PART I - OPEN ITEMS

Declarations of Interest

21. No interests were declared.

Exclusion of Press and Public

22. 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 particular persons) is likely to be disclosed.

PART II - EXEMPT ITEMS

Review of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence (Appendix 12)

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers. The Licensing Officer briefly outlined the review.

Mr Goddard was in attendance at the meeting, accompanied by his employer Mr M Bullock of ABC Countdown, in connection with the review of his Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, as requested by the Sub-Committee, and they answered questions raised by Members and Officers as appropriate. Mr Goddard provided evidence that he had attended a Speed Awareness Course in January 2012 in order to negate having penalty points added to his DVLA driving licence.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their decision. The City Council's Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the review.

23. Resolved:-
That, having given careful consideration to all the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened to the representations made by the Mr I D Goddard and his employer at the meeting, the Sub-Committee agree to take no further action in respect of this matter.

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

Review Prior to Renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence (Appendix 13)

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers. The Licensing Officer briefly outlined the review.

Mr Hale was in attendance at the meeting, in connection with the review prior to renewal of his Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, as requested by the Sub-Committee, and answered questions raised by Members and Officers as appropriate. He indicated that he had omitted to advise the Licensing Authority of his speeding convictions on 9 October 2011 and 17 April 2012 as he was involved in alternative employment at the time. He also advised that he was currently undertaking training in respect of the HGV Certificate of Professional Competence.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their decision. The City Council's Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the review.

24. Resolved:-

That, having given careful consideration to all the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened to the representations made by the driver and his employer at the meeting, the Sub-Committee agree to renew Mr D L Hale's Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence. The decision is subject to renew by the Licensing Sub-Committee in six months time.

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

Review Prior to Renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence (Appendix 14)

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and Officers. The Licensing Officer briefly outlined the review.

Mr Gill was in attendance at the meeting, accompanied by his legal representatives Mr Nolan and Mr Larkin in connection with the review prior to renewal of his Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, as requested by the Sub-Committee, and they answered questions raised by Members and Officers as appropriate. Mr Nolan advised that Mr Gill had been employed as a Private Hire Vehicle driver for a period of approximately nineteen years and that he was willing to attend the RAC or AA Institute of Advanced Driving course, which would cover speed awareness. A letter of reference was also produced by Mr Gill's legal representative which he read out at the meeting.

All parties, with the exception of the City Council's Solicitor and Democratic Support Officer, withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their decision. The City Council's Solicitor outlined the powers available to the Sub-Committee in determining the review.

25. Resolved:-

That, having given careful consideration to all the information contained in the Licensing Officer's report and listened to the

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representations made by the driver's legal representative at the meeting, the Sub-Committee agree to renew Mr G S Gill's Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence. The decision is subject to Mr Gill attending and passing either the RAC or AA Advanced Driving Course and review by the Licensing Sub-Committee in three months time.