



Licensing Sub-Committee (Private Hire/Hackney Carriage)

Minutes - 10 September 2014

Attendance

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

Cllr Alan Bolshaw
Cllr Bishan Dass (Chair)
Cllr Mark Evans

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 Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence**
The applicant, Mrs JS, was present at the meeting accompanied by her brother Mr WW, a partner in the proposed business.

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.

Responding to questions Mrs S advised that she had taken the opportunity to shadow the operator at Forum Cars in order to gain more understanding in respect of the operation of a private hire vehicle firm and fill a knowledge gap. Prior to the

meeting the Sub-Committee had been furnished with supporting documentation including the following:

- Supporting letter from local Member of Parliament
- Daily vehicle check list
- Radio licence
- Photographs of interior and exterior of base
- Enhanced CRB disclosure
- Supporting letter from Forum Cars

Further procedural documentation was also presented at the meeting.

The Sub-Committee were advised that a base operator would be employed, that there were currently five fleet cars and that it was anticipated that ten drivers would be employed within twelve months of commencement of the business.

During the discussion, the Section Leader (Licensing) advised that it would be beneficial for the applicant to attend the driver knowledge training course to gain additional knowledge and understanding.

Resolved:

That, having considered all the information presented to the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee consider Mrs JS a fit a proper person to hold a Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence and agree to grant her a Licence for a period of twelve months in respect of a business to be known as 'Home and Away Private Hire' which will operate from Unit 3, Horseley Works, Walsall Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 3LN.

This decision is subject to Mrs S attending the one day, private hire driver knowledge training course within six months of the granting of the Licence.