



Licensing Sub-Committee (Private Hire/Hackney Carriage)

Minutes - 11 December 2014

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
Elaine Moreton	Section Leader - Licensing
Veronica Simpson	Licensing Officer

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 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 Driver's Licence**
The applicant, ASG, was present at the meeting.

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.

The Solicitor advised that section 5.1.3 (a) of the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and breaches of licence conditions provided that a licence would not normally be granted to this applicant until 15 July 2016. However, whilst employees and councillors have regard to the guidelines, each case would be considered on its

individual merits and where reasonable the employees or Sub-Committee may depart from the guidelines (paragraph 1.3).

The applicant outlined the background to the motoring conviction, detailed at appendix A to the report and answered questions raised by the Sub-Committee and employees as appropriate.

At this juncture the applicant, Section Leader (Licensing) and Licensing Officer withdrew from the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to deliberate upon the application.

The parties returned to the meeting and were advised of the following decision:

Resolved:

That a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be granted to ASG, subject to a satisfactory medical report and passing the driving ability and knowledge tests.

The applicant has a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court within twenty one days of written notice of the decision.