

**MINUTES OF: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (DRIVERS)**

**Date of Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Present: Councillors Marriott (Chair), Adshead and Gill**

**In Attendance: Sattar Hussain, Legal Officer  
Phil Morton, Public Protection Manager  
David Hodson, Public Protection Officer  
4 Licence Holders  
2 Licence Holders' representative/supporter**

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items of business.

### **4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **Resolved:**

That the public and press be excluded from the following items of business under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 since they involved the disclosure of exempt information under Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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### **5. REPORT TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR AM (ITEM C1)**

The chair welcomed the Licence Holder and their representative to the Sub-Committee.

The Public Protection Manager outlined to all persons present the relevant information, which applied to all confidential applications.

The Public Protection Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the Licence Holder before the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder presented their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee members asked questions for clarification purposes only.

The Licence Holder, their representative and Public Protection Officers left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

The Licence Holder, their representative and Public Protection Officers re-entered the room to enable the Sub-Committee to advise of their decision.

#### **Resolved:**

That the hackney carriage driver's licence and private hire driver's licence be suspended until the Licence Holder has taken and passed a Council-approved driving test and has provided evidence of this to the Licensing and Enforcement Unit within a period of 3 months (unless they provide evidence that an appointment cannot be obtained). If the Licence Holder fails to provide such evidence within 3 months from today then they will be called back to the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder would be informed of the reason for the Council's decision in writing.

### **Reason for Decision**

The matter had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, the conditions attached to the Policy for the Licensing of: Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Operators, Drivers and Vehicles, the conditions attached to the Enforcement Policy - Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Drivers, Operators and Vehicles, and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

## **6. REPORT TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR CR (ITEM C2)**

The chair welcomed the Licence Holder and their supporter to the Sub-Committee.

The Public Protection Manager outlined to all persons present the relevant information, which applied to all confidential applications.

The Public Protection Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the Licence Holder before the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder presented their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee members asked questions for clarification purposes only.

The Licence Holder, their supporter and Public Protection Officers left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

The Licence Holder, their friend and Public Protection Officers re-entered the room to enable the Sub-Committee to advise of their decision.

### **Resolved:**

That the hackney carriage driver's licence be revoked under Section 61(1) of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. The Committee considers that the Licence Holder is no longer a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage driver's licence.

The Licence Holder would be informed of the reason for the Council's decision in writing.

### **Reason for Decision**

The matters had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, the conditions attached to the Policy for the Licensing of: Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Operators, Drivers and Vehicles, the conditions attached to the Enforcement Policy - Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Drivers, Operators and Vehicles and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

**7. REPORT TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR SR (ITEM C3)**

The chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the Sub-Committee.

The Public Protection Manager outlined to all persons present the relevant information, which applied to all confidential applications.

The Public Protection Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the Licence Holder before the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder presented their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee members asked questions for clarification purposes only.

The Licence Holder and Public Protection Officers left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

The Licence Holder and Public Protection Officers re-entered the room to enable the sub-committee to advise of their decision.

**Resolved:**

That the hackney carriage driver's licence be revoked under Section 61(1) of the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976. The Committee considers that the Licence Holder is no longer a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage driver's licence.

The Licence Holder would be informed of the reason for the Council's decision in writing.

**Reason for Decision**

The matters had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, the conditions attached to the Policy for the Licensing of: Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Operators, Drivers and Vehicles, the conditions attached to the Enforcement Policy - Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Drivers, Operators and Vehicles and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

**8. REPORT TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR WH (ITEM C4)**

The chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the Sub-Committee.

The Public Protection Manager outlined to all persons present the relevant information, which applied to all confidential applications.

The Public Protection Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the Licence Holder before the Sub-Committee.

The Licence Holder presented their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee members asked questions for clarification purposes only.

The Licence Holder and Public Protection Officers left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

The Licence Holder and Public Protection Officers re-entered the room to enable the Sub-Committee to advise of their decision.

**Resolved:**

To take informal action by way of a written warning.

The Licence Holder would be informed of the reason for the Council's decision in writing.

**Reason for Decision**

The matters had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, the conditions attached to the Policy for the Licensing of: Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Operators, Drivers and Vehicles, the conditions attached to the Enforcement Policy - Hackney Carriage Drivers and Vehicles, Private Hire Drivers, Operators and Vehicles and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

**The meeting concluded at 13:15**

**Chair:**

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**Date:**

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