MINUTES OF: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (DRIVERS)

Date of Meeting: 20TH AUGUST 2013

Present: Councillors Gill, Hughes and Morris

In Attendance: Tracy Brzozowski, Licensing and Enforcement Manager
Richard Bingham, Legal Officer
Michelle Hargreaves, Committee and Member Services Officer
Ryan Tarrant, Trainee Committee Officer
5 applicants and 2 representatives

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved:
That Councillor Christine Gill be appointed as Chair of the Sub-Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

In the interests of expediency and due to the number of items on the agenda, the Chair asked the Licensing and Enforcement Manager to outline to all persons present the relevant information which applied to all confidential applications.

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 involve the disclosure of exempt information under Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

5. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR SAB

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the meeting.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

The Applicant spoke in favour of the case.
The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the Licensing and Enforcement Manager and the Applicant for clarification purposes only.

The Applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:
1. That the licence be granted. The Sub-Committee considered that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence.

Reason for Decision
The Application had been considered in accordance with the Council’s approved procedure, the Council’s Guidelines on Convictions and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

The Applicant for Item C2 had not arrived and therefore it was decided that this item would be moved to the end of the agenda.

6. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR MK

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the meeting.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

The Applicant spoke in favour of the case.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the Licensing and Enforcement Manager and the Applicant for clarification purposes only.

The Applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:
1. That the licence be refused. The Sub-Committee considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence.

2. That the applicant be notified in writing of the decision and has the right of appeal to the Magistrates’ Court, which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter.

Reason for Decision
The Application had been considered in accordance with the Council’s approved procedure and policy and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.
7. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR ZK

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his representative to the meeting.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager highlighted the guidance relating to sexual offences.

The Applicant spoke in favour of the case.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the Applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager, for clarification purposes only.

The Applicant, his representative and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:
1. That the licence be refused. The Sub-Committee considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence.

2. That the applicant be notified in writing of the decision and has the right of appeal to the Magistrates’ Court, which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter.

Reason for Decision
The Application had been considered in accordance with the Council’s approved procedure, the Council’s Guidelines on Convictions and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

8. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR FM

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the meeting.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

The Applicant spoke in favour of the case.

The Committee Members asked questions of the Applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager for clarification purposes only.

The Applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Staff left the room to enable the Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:
1. That the licence be refused. The Committee considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence.
2. That the applicant be notified in writing of the decision and has the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court, which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter.

**Reason for Decision**
The Application had been considered in accordance with the Council’s approved procedure, the Council’s Guidelines on Convictions and the Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

9. **REPORT TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR MS**

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his representative to the meeting.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

The Applicant and his representative spoke in favour of the case.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the Applicant, his representative and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager for clarification purposes only.

The Applicant, his representative and the Licensing and Enforcement Staff left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

**Resolved:**

1. That the licence be refused. The Committee considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence.

2. That the applicant be notified in writing of the decision and has the right of appeal to the Magistrates’ Court, which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter.

**Reason for Decision**
The Application had been considered in accordance with the Council’s approved procedure, the Council’s Guidelines on Convictions and the Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

10. **REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – Mr TH**

The Committee resolved that this application would be deferred to allow the applicant to attend the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 11.25am

CHIEF OFFICER