

MINUTES OF: LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (DRIVERS)

Date of Meeting: Session 2 - 7th April 2016

Present: Councillors De Souza (in the Chair), Farrington and Haworth

**In Attendance: Tracy Brzozowski, Licensing and Enforcement Manager (in part)
Susan Chadwick, Licensing and Compliance Officer (in part)
Abigail Wrench, Trainee Solicitor
Jenni Cook, Committee Officer (in part)
Michelle Hargreaves, Committee and Member Services Officer (in part)
9 applicants/family/friends/representatives**

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from the Sub-Committee; all members were present.

It was noted that the Licensing and Enforcement Manager and the Committee Officer would leave the meeting at around 3pm and be replaced by the Licensing and Compliance Officer and Committee and Member Services Officer.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items of business.

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 AA (Item C3)

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his wife to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a hackney carriage driver's licence.

The Applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

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

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

Resolved:

That the licence is granted. The Sub-Committee considered the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence.

Reason for Decision

The report 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.

6. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR BAM (Item C4)

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a hackney carriage driver's licence.

The Applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the Applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Manager 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:

That the licence is granted. The Sub-Committee considered the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence.

Reason for Decision

The report had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, Byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages, 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 AAd (Item C5)

The Chair welcomed the Applicant and his representative to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing and Enforcement Manager presented the report detailing the proposed application for a hackney carriage driver's licence.

The Applicant and his representative presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

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:

That the licence is granted. The Sub-Committee considered the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence.

Reason for Decision

The report 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.

Note: The Licensing and Enforcement Manager and the Committee Officer left the meeting at this point, being replaced by the Licensing and Compliance Officer and the Committee and Member Services Officer.

8. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR JA (Item C6)

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing and Compliance Officer presented the report detailing the proposed application for a hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

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

The Applicant and the Licensing and Compliance Officer left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:

1. That the application was refused. The Sub-Committee did not consider the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence.
2. The Applicant was advised of his right of appeal to the magistrates court which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter upon him.
3. The Applicant was served with the decision letter before he left the room.

Reason for Decision

The report had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, Byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages, and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

9. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR SA (Item C7)

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing and Compliance Officer presented the report detailing the proposed application for a hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

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

The Applicant and the Licensing and Compliance Officer left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:

1. That the application was refused. The Sub-Committee did not consider the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence.
2. The Applicant was advised of his right of appeal to the magistrates court which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter upon him.
3. The Applicant was served with the decision letter before he left the room.

Reason for Decision

The report had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, Byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages, and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

10. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR MS (Item C8)

The Chair welcomed the Applicant to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing and Compliance Officer presented the report detailing the proposed application for a hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

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

The Applicant and the Licensing and Compliance Officer left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to determine the application.

Resolved:

1. That the application was refused. The Sub-Committee did not consider the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence.
2. The Applicant was advised of his right of appeal to the magistrates court which must be exercised within 21 days of service of the decision letter upon him.
3. The Applicant was served with the decision letter before he left the room.

Reason for Decision

The report had been considered in accordance with the Council's approved procedure, the Council's Guidelines on Convictions, Byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages, and the Sub-Committee took into account all the relevant information put before them.

11. REPORT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR NUA (Item C9)

The Licensing and Compliance Officer advised the Sub-Committee that the Applicant was not present. Officers had not been able to obtain any evidence from Royal Mail that the Applicant had received the Sub-Committee information.

Resolved:

That the Application be deferred to a future Sub-Committee.

Reason for Decision

In the interests of fairness.

The meeting commenced at 1.45pm and closed at 4.20pm

CHAIRMAN _____