

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

**Date of Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Present: Councillors Smallridge(Chair), Johnson and Haworth.**

**In Attendance: Yasmin Ahmed Legal Officer  
Phil Morton, Licensing Manager  
Joanna Wood Committee Services Officer  
4 applicants/drivers/friends/representatives**

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## **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.

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

The Chair welcomed the driver.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the driver before the Sub-Committee.

The driver presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the driver for clarification purposes only.

The driver and the Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

#### **Resolved:**

1. That the driver will be required to take and pass the DVSA test (or Council-approved equivalent) and provide evidence of this to the Licensing and Enforcement Unit within a period of 3 months.
2. The driver would receive written confirmation of the Council's decision.

#### **Reason for Decision**

The matter 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.

#### **6. REPORT TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE AND DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION TO RENEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES FOR MKW (ITEM C6)**

The Chair welcomed the applicant/proprietor to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the applicant/proprietor before the Sub-Committee.

The applicant/proprietor presented their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the applicant/proprietor for clarification purposes only.

The applicant/proprietor and the Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

#### **Resolved:**

1. That the proprietor's license be revoked.
2. The application to renew the hackney carriage vehicles licences is refused.
3. The Sub-Committee did not consider the applicant/proprietor to be a fit and proper person to hold either a vehicle proprietor's licence or to renew the hackney carriage vehicle licenses.
4. The applicant/proprietor was informed of the reason for the decisions and that they would receive written confirmation regarding their application/review from the Licensing Unit.

#### **Reason for Decision**

The matter 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 THE APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE FOR ZA. (ITEM C2)**

The Chair welcomed the applicant and their representative to the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances that had brought the applicant before the Sub-Committee.

The applicant and their representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee Members asked questions of the applicant and their representative for clarification purposes only.

The applicant, their representative and the Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

**Resolved:**

1. That the Private Hire Operator's Licence be granted for a period of 12 months subject to the conditions set out in Appendix B of the Report.
2. That the Private Hire Operator's Licence be granted following the condition to find suitable premises with the relevant planning permission in place and the grant of a satisfactory basic disclosure.
3. The applicant was informed of the reason for the decisions and that they would receive written confirmation regarding their application from the Licensing Unit.

**Reason for Decision**

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

A comfort break was taken at this point.

**8. REPORT TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR SA (ITEM C1)**

The driver was not in attendance at the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that the Licensing Team had tried to contact the driver via the telephone number provided, but had not been successful in making contact with him.

The Sub-Committee agreed to consider the report in the driver's absence.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances which had brought the driver before the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

**Resolved:**

1. That the licence be revoked.
2. The driver would receive written confirmation of the Council's decision.

**Reason for Decision**

The matter 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 THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR MA (ITEM C3)**

The driver was not in attendance at the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that driver had surrendered his badge.

The Sub-Committee agreed to consider the report in the driver's absence.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances which had brought the driver before the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

**Resolved:**

1. That the licence be revoked.
2. The driver would receive written confirmation of the Council's decision.

**Reason for Decision**

The matter 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 THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR UF (ITEM C5)**

The driver was not in attendance at the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that the driver was now living in London and not in Sheffield as per the application and had failed to notify the Licensing Team of the change of address.

The Sub-Committee agreed to consider the report in the driver's absence.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances which had brought the driver before the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

**Resolved:**

1. That the licence be revoked.
2. The driver would receive written confirmation of the Council's decision.

**Reason for Decision**

The matter 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 THE REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE FOR AS (ITEM C7)**

The driver was not in attendance at the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that the Licensing Team had received an email from the driver on the night of the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 confirming the driver was ill and was unable to attend.

The Licensing Manager also confirmed that the driver had previously advised at an earlier Sub-Committee in November 2017 that he was also unable to attend due to illness and The Licensing Manager advised the wording on both emails was exactly the same.

The Sub-Committee agreed to consider the report in the driver's absence.

The Licensing Manager presented the report and detailed the circumstances which had brought the driver before the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Manager left the room to enable the Sub-Committee to come to a decision.

**Resolved:**

1. That the licence be revoked.
2. The driver would receive written confirmation of the Council's decision.

**Reason for Decision**

The matter 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.

**The meeting concluded at 11.50am**

CHAIRMAN

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