

Licensing Subcommittee

30 September 2016 at 9.30 am

Present:- Councillors Dillon, Dingemans and Hitchins

Assistant Licensing Officer
Licensing Team Manager

Andy Burrows
Sarah Meeten

Applicant

1. Election of Chairman

Prior to commencement of the meeting it had been agreed that Councillor Dingemans would chair the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Exempt Information

The Subcommittee

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

4. Application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence [Exempt – Paragraph 1 – Information relating to any Individual]

The Assistant Licensing Officer presented this report which set out the detail of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence from an applicant with previous relevant convictions. A DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check had been undertaken but, as yet, no response had been received.

The applicant was in attendance and he advised Members that the offence had taken place 9 years ago – it was a one off occurrence, of which he was deeply ashamed. He stated that he had attended a drink driving awareness course and now did not have even one alcoholic drink when he was driving. He was married with two young children and took his family

responsibilities seriously and wished to take up taxi driving as it offered flexibility for child care.

Following questions from Members, the Assistant Licensing Officer and applicant left the meeting to enable the Subcommittee to consider the application.

Following consideration, all parties were recalled and advised that the Subcommittee

RESOLVED

That the licence be granted, subject to the DBS check, knowledge test, medical and driving assessment being completed to the satisfaction of officers.

Reason for the Decision

The Subcommittee considered the nature of the offence, which was taken very seriously. In mitigation, the offence had been committed approximately nine years ago and no further offences have been committed to date.

The applicant had undertaken a course to rehabilitate himself. He demonstrated through his presentation that he recognised his responsibilities and showed remorse for his actions. In light of the facts the Subcommittee does not believe that the applicant poses a risk to public safety as the result of this historic conviction.

Members are satisfied that the applicant presented as a fit and proper person.

(The hearing concluded at 9.50 am)

Signed Chairman