

Licensing Subcommittee

17 February 2017 at 9.30 am

Present:- Councillors Cates, Dingemans and Mrs Oakley

Licensing Officer	Glenn James
Licensing Team Manager	Sarah Meeten
Solicitor	Delwyn Jones

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 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.

The applicant was in attendance and he advised Members that the offence had taken place 12 years ago – it was a one off occurrence that had taken place as a practical joke that had gone seriously wrong. He acknowledged that it was a stupid thing to do and he was sorry. With the permission of the Chairman, he circulated a testimonial of his good character at the meeting for Members to read.

Following questions from Members, all parties left the meeting to enable the Subcommittee to consider the application. The Solicitor was called back for advice, following which all parties were recalled to enable Members to seek further detailed information with regard to the offence, which was duly provided by the applicant.

All parties again left the meeting and, following consideration, 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 but with a strict warning for a period of 1 year.

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 12 years ago and no further offences have been committed to date.

(The hearing concluded at 10.05 am)

Signed ..... Chairman