

Licensing Subcommittee

8 September 2017 at 9.30 am

Present:- Councillors Cooper, Mrs Oakley and Wheal

Licensing Officer	Glenn James
Assistant Licensing Officer	Andrew Burrows
Solicitor	Delwyn Jones

Applicant

1. Election of Chairman

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

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence (Exempt – Paragraph 1 – Information Relating to Individuals)

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 who had not been able to provide appropriate documentation, namely a certificate of good conduct which was required by policy, and the behaviour of the applicant towards an officer. The application process had been halted as it was felt appropriate that the Subcommittee be requested to determine whether it should proceed.

The applicant was then requested to outline his case, following which he responded to questions from Members and officers. The Chairman stated that the Subcommittee was understanding of his history but made it quite clear that there could be no toleration of verbal outbursts to officers or the public and that it had to duty to establish whether he (the applicant) could be deemed a “Fit and Proper” person under taxi legislation.

All parties left the room to enable the Subcommittee to consider the matter. Following discussion, the Solicitor was recalled to provide advice to Members with regard to whether the applicant could be asked to provide an alternative attestation as to his good character. All parties were then recalled and the applicant confirmed that he would be prepared to provide the name and address of persons who would vouch for his character.

All parties then once more left the room and, following further consideration, the Subcommittee recalled the Solicitor for clarification about

references. Having received that clarification, the Solicitor left the meeting and the Subcommittee then

RESOLVED

That the applicant be allowed to continue with the application process, subject to a verifiable name and address of a person of standing within the community being given to officers so they can take up references and that he sign a written declaration as detailed in the report.

Reason for the Decision

To ensure that the applicant is a Fit and Proper person as required by legislation.

(The hearing concluded at 10.30 am)

Signed Chairman