

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

15 August 2022 at 9.30 am

Present: Councillors Cooper, Gregory and Roberts.

12. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

That Councillor Roberts be Chair for this meeting.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

14. EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Sub-Committee

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 they 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.

15. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - EXEMPT PARAGRAPH 1 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Members were asked to consider the matter of an application for a hackney carriage/private hire driver licence from an applicant.

In discussing the matter, the Licensing Officer drew Members' attention to the two references that had been received on behalf of the applicant and checked that all Members had had sufficient time to read the information. He then advised Members that the applicant did have a rehabilitation period that would be in place until 2026 and this need to be considered by Members before any decision was made.

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The Licensing Officer also reminded Members of Section 34 of the Policy which confirmed that the licensing authority was required to ensure that an applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold such a licence and the factors to be considered were whether there were any previous convictions, warnings, cautions or charges.

Having considered the Licensing Officer's report and representation from the applicant, Members were satisfied the applicant had met the fit and proper test and confirmed with the applicant the full reasons of why they had reached their decision.

The Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

To allow the application to continue and grant the licence, subject to a new DBS check with no convictions other than those stated, knowledge test, medical and driving assessment, being completed to the satisfaction of the officers, but with a strict warning for a 6-month period from the date the licence is granted. Officers to reject the application if other convictions are found. Full reasons for departing from the relevant parts of the Taxi Policy were provided.

(The meeting concluded at 10.10 am)