

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 22 April 2013

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), Clive Skelton and Geoff Smith

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 **RESOLVED:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on item 4 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - INDIVIDUAL CASES

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted details in respect of four cases relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing.

4.2 The licence holder in Case No. 33/13 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 34/13 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The licence holder in Case No. 28/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.5 The licence holder in Case No. 36/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.6 **RESOLVED:** That the cases now submitted be determined as follows:-

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
33/13	Application for a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence	(a) Grant a licence for the shorter term of six months in view of the offences now reported and, on the first renewal, authority be given

to grant the applicant a nine month licence, on the second renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a 12 month licence and, on any subsequent renewal, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern and (b) the applicant be informed that if he accrues any further points on his DVLA driving licence, his taxi driver's licence will be brought back before the Sub-Committee.

34/13 Application for a First Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

Grant a licence for the normal term of nine months and, on the first renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a 12 month licence and, on any subsequent renewal, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern.

35/13 Application for a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

Refuse to grant the licence on the grounds that the Sub-Committee considers that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence in view of the offences and convictions now reported and the responses given by the applicant to the questions raised at the hearing.

(NOTE: At the conclusion of the hearing, the applicant became verbally aggressive and abusive. He was also hostile and intimidating towards the Chair of the Sub-Committee. The applicant was told to leave the room as there was another hearing to conduct,

but repeatedly refused. He finally left after he was strongly advised to do so before the police were summoned to remove him).

28/13 Application for a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

It was agreed that no additional action be taken against the applicant above that determined at a previous meeting of the Sub-Committee, and accordingly (a) a licence be granted for the shorter term of six months, in view of the offences and convictions now reported and, on the first renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a nine month licence, on the second renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a 12 month licence and, on any subsequent renewal, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern and (b) the applicant be given a strongly worded, written warning as to his future conduct.

5. LICENSING ACT 2003 - UNIT 1A, CLARENCE WORKS, EFFINGHAM ROAD, SHEFFIELD S4 7YS

5.1 This item of business was withdrawn from consideration by the Chief Licensing Officer.

6. LICENSING ACT 2003 - NO. 1 ORIENTAL BUFFET, CANADA HOUSE, COMMERCIAL STREET, SHEFFIELD S1 2AT

6.1 This item of business was withdrawn from consideration by the Chief Licensing Officer.