

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 29 July 2013

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), Neale Gibson and George Lindars-Hammond

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Philip Wood attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

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 applicant in Case No. 59/13 was unable to attend the hearing and had requested that consideration of his application be deferred to a future hearing.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 64/13 attended the hearing with a friend and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The applicant in Case No. 65/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.5 The applicant in Case No. 39/11 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>
59/13	Application for a new Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Defer consideration of the application to the earliest possible date the applicant is

		able to attend.
64/13	Application for a new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Refuse to grant a licence on the grounds that (a) the vehicle falls outside the current licensing policy regarding age limits, (b) the applicant has a poor history in terms of test failures and non-compliance and (c) the applicant admitted a number of errors regarding his company's procedures, including errors relating to vehicle maintenance.
65/13	Application for a new Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Agreed to deviate from current policy and issue a licence for the normal term of 12 months on the grounds that (a) the Sub-Committee considers that the applicant's failure to renew the vehicle licence on time was due to an unfortunate series of events which were outside his control and (b) the applicant's vehicle is in good condition.
39/11	Renewal Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	In the light of the circumstances of the case, and based on the evidence provided by the applicant, the Sub-Committee (a) agreed to grant a licence for the normal term of 18 months and (b) requested that a written warning be issued to the applicant as to his future conduct, which would remain on his licence for a period of two years, in the light of the offence now reported.