

**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Meeting held 29 September 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Geoff Smith (Chair), Neale Gibson and Vickie Priestley

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on items 4 and 5 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 two cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

4.2 The applicant in Case No. 66/15 attended the hearing with a friend and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 69/15 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

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

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
66/15	Application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire 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 renewals, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern.

69/15	Application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Grant a licence for a term of 12 months, in the light of the exceptional circumstances now demonstrated by the applicant.
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**5. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013 - APPLICATION FOR A SCRAP METAL DEALER LICENCE**

- 5.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report to consider an application for a Scrap Metal Collectors Licence under Section 2(2)(b) of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (Case No. 70/15).
- 5.2 Present at the meeting were the applicant, Georgina Hollis (Licensing Enforcement and Technical Officer), Paul Barber (Solicitor to the Sub-Committee) and John Turner (Democratic Services).
- 5.3 The Chair outlined the procedure which would be followed during the hearing.
- 5.4 Georgina Hollis presented the report to the Sub-Committee and it was reported that the application had been referred to the Sub-Committee due to the concerns regarding the number of convictions attached to the applicant's police check history.
- 5.5 The applicant addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions raised by Members of the Sub-Committee. As part of his case, and in response to the questions, the applicant provided information in terms of his convictions and how he planned to operate his business.
- 5.6 RESOLVED: That the attendees involved in the application for a Scrap Metal Collectors Licence be excluded from the meeting before further discussion takes place on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if those persons were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.
- 5.7 Paul Barber reported orally, giving legal advice on various aspects of the application.
- 5.8 At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the attendees.
- 5.9 RESOLVED: That the application for a Scrap Metal Collectors Licence be granted in the terms now requested (Case No. 70/15).