

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 8 July 2014

PRESENT: Councillors Geoff Smith (Chair), Stuart Wattam and Cliff Woodcraft

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nikki Bond.

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. 69/14 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 70/14 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The licence holder in Case No. 28/14 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.5 The applicant in Case No. 48/14 attended the hearing. Two witnesses also attended the hearing and they all 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>
69/14	Application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Grant a licence for 12 months on the grounds that the Sub-Committee considers that there has been exceptional circumstances in the case, specifically relating to the age of the

		vehicle at application, to warrant a departure from the current policy relating to the age limit of vehicles.
70/14	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.
28/14	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	(a) in view of the information now reported, and the responses provided to the questions raised, the licence be suspended under Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, up until such time the licence holder successfully completes Unit 5 (Regulatory Framework) of the BTEC Level 2 Certificate 'The Introduction to the Role of Professional Private Hire and Taxi Driver' and (b) the licence holder be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct, specifically relating to his compliance and understanding of the taxi regulations, to remain on his licence for a period of three years.
48/14	Application to renew a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Refuse to grant a licence on the grounds that the Sub-Committee does not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence in the light of the representations now made and the responses provided to the questions raised.