

**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Meeting held 13 April 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Barker (Chair), Neale Gibson and Stuart Wattam

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors George Lindars-Hammond and Vickie Priestley.

**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. 21/15 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 22/15 attended the hearing with two representatives and they all addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The licence holder in Case No. 23/15 attended the hearing with two representatives and they all addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.5 The licence holder in Case No. 24/15 attended the hearing but did not enter the room and was represented by two representatives and they both 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>
21/15	Application to renew a Private Hire Vehicle Licence	(a) Grant an extension to the licence for a period of six months on the grounds that the Sub-Committee considers that there are

		exceptional circumstances in the case, specifically relating to the service history and excellent condition of the vehicle, to warrant a departure from the current policy relating to the age limit of vehicles and (b) the vehicle be tested in three months' time.
22/15	Application to renew a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Grant the licence for the normal term of 18 months, and the applicant be required to successfully complete the BTEC level 2 Certificate "The Introduction to the Role of Professional Private Hire and Taxi Driver" during the course of this licence.
23/15	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Revoke the licence under Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, as amended by Section 52 of the Road Safety Act 2006, with immediate effect, in the light of the offences and convictions now reported as an immediate threat to public safety is presented.
24/15	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Defer consideration of the review to the meeting of the Sub-Committee on 28 <sup>th</sup> April, 2015, to allow the Licensing Service to contact the drivers' witnesses to verify their statements.