

Licensing Sub-Committee (Regulatory)

Meeting held 5 September 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jayne Dunn (Chair), Cliff Woodcraft and Ann Woolhouse

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Lewis Chinchon attended 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 5 on the agenda (item 4 of these minutes) 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 three cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

4.2 The applicant in Case No. 128/22 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 131/22 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The licence holder in Case No. 132/22 did not attend the hearing and it was decided to hear the case in his absence.

4.5 RESOLVED: That, after consideration of the information contained in the case papers, and the information now reported and, where relevant, circulated either prior to the meeting, but after publication of the agenda, or at the meeting, the cases now submitted be determined as follows:-

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
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128/22	Application to extend a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Extend the licence until 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2023, on the grounds that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to convince the Sub-Committee that there are exceptional reasons to deviate from the current policy on the age limit of vehicles.
131/22	Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	(a) Grant the licence for a shorter term than requested of one year (b)(i) the applicant be required to complete and pass the BTEC Level 2 Certificate 'The Introduction to the Role of Professional Private Hire and Taxi Driver' within the next six months and (ii) be given a written warning as to his future conduct, to remain live for the term of the licence.
132/22	(a) Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Immediately 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, on the grounds that, in view of the offences now reported, the Sub-Committee considers the licence holder not to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.
	(b) Review of a Private Hire Operators' Licence	Revoke the licence, under Section 62 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 on the grounds that, in view of the offences now reported, the Sub-Committee considers the licence holder not to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.