



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Report of: Chief Licensing Officer

Date: 5th February 2013

Subject: Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing

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Summary: Report – Long Service Awards 2012

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Private hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Long Service Awards

1. Purpose
 - 1.1 To agree on the recipients of the 2012 Taxi and Private Hire trade long service award.
2. Background
 - 2.1 In 2007 my Chief Licensing Officer (Taxis) introduced the concept of some form of reward for Long Serving licensees. This will be the 4th year of awards. There have been 22 previous winners over the last four years.
 - 2.2 Consultation has taken place between the trades and the Chief Licensing Officer in relation to the proposal to issue a long service award which recognises the contribution made by nominated taxi licensees to the provision of a taxi service in Sheffield.
 - 2.3. The trade associations suggested following consultation initiated by my Principal Licensing Officer, Mr. Stephenson that a "Long Service" award be granted to appropriate Licensees or persons who work within the Taxi and Private Hire trade with unblemished service after a certain number of years service. It was felt that the qualifying period should be 20 years.
 - 2.4 Also to be considered is the licensing history of the person nominated and the criminal and driving history, any person with a conviction or driving offences within three years of the nomination are not usually considered for the award.
 - 2.5. Any person may nominate some one for the awards who would then be vetted against the personal record held by the Taxi Licensing Section.
 - 2.6 Nominations for the award must be made to my Principal Licensing Officer, in writing. This year there were over 30 nominations both from the trade associations and personal nominations.
 - 2.7 My Principal Licensing Officer has reviewed the history of the Licensees and has put forward a total of 12 nominations for the Licensing Board to consider as to who is to receive the award. The details of which will be circulated as appendix 1 at the meeting to Councillors only as information contain is personal and sensitive.

3. Information to be considered

- 3.1 Checks include length of unbroken service; any issue in relation to licensing legislation; any offences recorded against the person; dates of those offences; any current driving offences; warnings and defect notices; complaints and Licensing Board referrals.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 As mentioned previously above full consultation has taken place with the trades and nominees have been invited.
- 4.2 A request for nominations was circulated in November and early December 2012.
- 4.3 The Trades have been invited to this meeting.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The financial cost to the Council will be minimal and will cover the costs of the Certificates.
- 5.2 There will also be a small cost of holding the awards ceremony which will be covered by the taxi licensing budget.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider the content of this report and the nominees as suggested in Appendix 1.
- 6.2 If the Board decide to go forward with the awards to require The Chief Licensing Officer to make the appropriate arrangements.

7. Options

- 7.1 To determine this years recipients of the award.
- 7.2 To reject the proposal of long service awards.

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Chief Licensing Officer
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