

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 24 June 2013

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), David Barker and Clive Skelton

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Jenny Armstrong attended the meeting 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 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. 52/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The licence holder in Case No. 53/13 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee. The licence holder also attended with another person who, it was alleged, was a witness to an incident detailed in the papers. Shortly after the commencement of the hearing, the Chair allowed a brief adjournment to allow for the attendance of the Licensing Officer who had submitted evidence to the hearing, after which, the alleged witness did not return.

4.4 The applicant in Case No. 54/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

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

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
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52/13	Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Grant a licence for nine months and, on the first renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a 12 month licence and, on any subsequent renewal, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern.
53/13	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 on the grounds that the licence holder had been verbally abusive to customers and Licensing Officers on more than one occasion, with the latest incident occurring after he had received a final, written warning, at a previous meeting of the Sub-Committee, as to his future conduct. Members made a finding that the version of events provided by the Licensing Officer, in the statement dated 28 th May 2013, was correct.
54/13	Application for a new Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Agree to detract from current policy and issue a licence for the normal term of 12 months on the grounds that (a) the Sub-Committee considers that the applicant has made a genuine administrative error in this case and, but for this error, given the vehicle's condition, the licence would have automatically been issued and (b) the applicant's vehicle is in good condition.
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