

Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee** held on **Thursday 20 January 2022** at **10.00 am** in **Conference Chamber West, West Suffolk House**, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

Present

Councillors

Brian Harvey
Karen Soons

Don Waldron

58. **Election of Chair**

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brian Harvey be elected as Chair.

59. **Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

60. **Substitutes**

No substitutions were declared.

61. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

62. **Exclusion of press and public**

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the following items because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt categories of information as prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and indicated against the items and, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

63. **Application for a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence (Exempt: Paragraphs 1 & 2) (Report No: LSC/WS/22/001)**

The Business Partner (Litigation/Licensing) welcomed all present to the Hearing, reported that no declarations of interest had been received and introductions to all parties were made.

He also drew attention to the procedure for the conduct of the Hearing as attached to the agenda.

The Licensing Officer presented the report which explained that Members were requested to determine an application for a combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence under the provisions of Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Members needed to be satisfied that that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence issued by the Council.

The Officer drew attention to the documentation submitted at Appendices 1 – 9 of Report No LSC/WS/22/001.

The applicant attended the meeting to present their case and answer Members' questions. The applicant's previous operator was also in attendance who spoke in support of their character.

Following which the applicant, their previous operator and all Licensing Officers retired to another room to allow the Sub-Committee to give further consideration to the matter.

Following all parties' return to the meeting room the Business Partner (Litigation/Licensing) advised on the Sub-Committee's decision.

It was

RESOLVED:

That, having taken into account all representations received both in writing and orally, considered alongside the Licensing Authority's duty to protect the public, Members were satisfied that the pattern of offending had ceased, and was not likely to resume.

And, after careful consideration, the Sub-Committee decided that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be granted a licence.

Accordingly, **THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE APPLICATION WAS GRANTED.**

Prior to closing the meeting the Chair addressed the applicant and reminded them of their responsibility to promptly notify the Council of any matters in relation to their licence.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am

Signed by:

Chair
