

Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee** held on **Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 3.00 pm** in **Conference Chamber West, West Suffolk House**, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU

Present **Councillors**

Carol Bull
Roger Dicker

Brian Harvey

76. **Election of Chair**

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brian Harvey be elected as Chair.

77. **Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

78. **Substitutes**

No substitutions were declared.

79. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

80. **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.

81. **Application for a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence (Exempt: Paragraphs 1 & 2) (Report No: LSC/WS/22/005)**

The Business Partner (Litigation/Licensing) confirmed that in the absence of the applicant, who had opted not to attend the meeting, the Sub-Committee were still able to carry out the Hearing and determine the application before them.

He also drew attention to the procedure for the conduct of the Hearing, as attached to the agenda, and advised that this would be followed excluding those parts allocated to the applicant.

The Licensing Officer then 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 – 7 of Report No LSC/WS/22/005.

Members posed some specific questions on the matter before them which the Licensing Officer responded to.

Following which the Licensing Officer retired to another room to allow the Sub-Committee to give further consideration to the matter.

Following the Licensing Officer's 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 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 Business Partner (Litigation/Licensing) stressed that the applicant should be warned as to their future conduct, particularly in respect of their standard of driving and their obligations to comply with the terms and conditions of their licence.

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm

Signed by:

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Chair
