

Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee** held on **Monday 18 December 2023** at **10.00 am** in **Conference Room, Mildenhall Hub**, Sheldrick Way, Mildenhall, IP28 7JX

Present **Councillors**

Carol Bull
Rowena Lindberg

Don Waldron

59. **Election of Chair**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Carol Bull be elected as Chair for this Sub-Committee meeting.

60. **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

61. **Substitutes**

There were no substitutes present.

62. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

63. **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 item 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 item, 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 item and, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

64. **Application for a Combined Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence (Exempt: Paragraphs 1 & 2) (Report No: LSC/WS/23/008)**

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.

Supplementary documentation was tabled to the meeting by the applicant, with the agreement of the Chair, which set out a letter of endorsement from the applicant's legal representative and a letter which formed an additional character reference.

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 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Part 2.

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

The Officer then drew attention to the documentation submitted at Appendices A to E of report number LSC/WS/23/008.

The applicant attended the meeting to present their case and answer Members' questions.

Following which the applicant and the Licensing Officer left the meeting 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.

With the vote being unanimous, 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 not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be granted a licence.

Accordingly, the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence application was **REFUSED**.

The meeting concluded at 11.05am

Signed by:

Chair
