



Leicester
City Council

LICENSING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2024

TIME: 10:00 am

PLACE: Meeting Room G.02, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Sub-Committee

Councillors Cank, Chauhan and Pickering

Members of the Sub-Committee are summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Monitoring Officer

Officer contact: Jessica Skidmore
Democratic Support, Leicester City Council
City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ
Tel: 0116 454 2623
email: jessica.skidmore@leicester.gov.uk

Information for Members of the Public

Attending meetings and access to information

You have the right to attend formal meetings such as Full Council, committee meetings, and Scrutiny Commissions and see copies of agendas and minutes.

However, on occasion, meetings may, for reasons set out in law, need to consider some items in private.

Due to Covid we recognise that some members of the public may not feel comfortable viewing a meeting in person because of the infection risk.

Anyone attending in person is very welcome to wear a face covering and we encourage people to follow good hand hygiene and hand sanitiser is provided for that purpose.

If you are displaying any symptoms of Coronavirus: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, and/or have taken a recent test which has been positive we would ask that you do NOT attend the meeting in person please.

Dates of meetings and copies of public agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk or by contacting us using the details below.

NOTE:

Separate guidance on attending the meeting is available for officers. Officers attending the meeting are asked to contact the Governance Support Officer in advance to confirm their arrangements for attendance.

Making meetings accessible to all

Wheelchair access – Public meeting rooms at the City Hall are accessible to wheelchair users. Wheelchair access to City Hall is from the middle entrance door on Charles Street - press the plate on the right hand side of the door to open the door automatically.

Braille/audio tape/translation - If you require this please contact the Governance Support Officer (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

Induction loops - There are induction loop facilities in City Hall meeting rooms. Please speak to the Governance Support Officer using the details below.

Filming and Recording the Meeting - The Council is committed to transparency and supports efforts to record and share reports of proceedings of public meetings through a variety of means, including social media. In accordance with government regulations and the Council's policy, persons and press attending any meeting of the Council open to the public (except Licensing Sub Committees and where the public have been formally excluded) are allowed to record and/or report all or part of that meeting. Details of the Council's policy are available at www.leicester.gov.uk or from Governance Support.

If you intend to film or make an audio recording of a meeting you are asked to notify the relevant Governance Support Officer in advance of the meeting to ensure that participants can be notified in advance and consideration given to practicalities such as allocating appropriate space in the public gallery etc..

The aim of the Regulations and of the Council's policy is to encourage public interest and engagement so in recording or reporting on proceedings members of the public are asked:

- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;
- ✓ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted and intrusive lighting avoided;
- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

Further information

If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact Jessica Skidmore, Governance Support on **(0116) 454 6354** or email jessica.skidmore@leicester.gov.uk

For Press Enquiries - please phone the **Communications Unit on 0116 454 4151**

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURAL GUIDE

INTRODUCTORY PHASE

The meeting will be held in public unless stated otherwise in the report.

Present at the hearing will be Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee (minimum 3 Members), Officers from the Licensing Authority, a Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee, an Officer from Governance Services.

1. Participants at the meeting will introduce themselves as follows:
 - a. Members and Officers
 - b. Statutory Consultees (if any)
 - c. The Applicant and any representatives
 - d. Persons who have made representations
2. The Chair will check that the Applicant has received a copy of the Officer report.

INFORMATION GATHERING

3. The Licensing Officer presents the report (previously circulated)

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Statutory Consultees (if any)
Persons who have made representations
Applicant and Representative (s)
4. Depending on the nature of the report, Statutory Consultees present their comments.

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Officers
Persons who have made representations
Applicant and Representative(s)
5. Persons who have made representations

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Officers
Statutory Consultees (is any)
Applicant and Representative(s)
6. Applicant's Case

Questions (for clarification purposes only):
Members
Officers
Statutory Consultees
Persons who have made representations

7. Summing up in the following order

Officers
Statutory Consultees
Persons who have made representations
Applicant and Representative(s)

8. The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to advise the Sub-Committee in the presence of the Applicant, Representatives, Officers, Statutory Consultees, and persons who have made representations on relevant issues the Members need to be aware of when they come to make their decision.

DECISION MAKING

9. Apart from the Sub-Committee Members and the Governance Support Officer everyone will be asked to withdraw from the meeting The Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee may be called back to the meeting to advise on the wording of the decision the Sub-Committee Members will have made during private deliberation.

The Applicant will be advised that the decision made by the Sub-Committee will be made public within 5 working days of the meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

FIRE / EMERGENCY EVACUATION

If the emergency alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building immediately by the nearest available fire exit and proceed to the area outside the Ramada Encore Hotel on Charles Street as directed by Governance Services staff. Further instructions will then be given.

- 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** **Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Enforcement Sub-Committee held on 28 November 2023 are attached, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

- 5. PRIVATE SESSION**

AGENDA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Under the law, the Sub-Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the matter exempt from publication outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Sub-Committee is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds that they contain 'exempt' information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended, and consequently that the Sub-Committee makes the following resolution:-

“that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and taking all the circumstances into account, it is

considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Paragraph 1

Information relating to an individual.

Paragraph 2

Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

B1) APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE.

6. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE** **Appendix B**

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report.

7. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS** **Appendix B**



Leicester
City Council

Appendix A

Minutes of the Meeting of the
LICENSING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2023 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Pickering (Chair)

Councillor Cank

Councillor Chauhan

* * * * *

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Pickering was appointed as Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they might have in the business to be discussed on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Enforcement Sub-Committees held on 29 August 2023 and 31 October 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information,

as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and taking all the circumstances into account, it was considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 1

Information relating to an individual.

Paragraph 2

Information that is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority).

B1) APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE

6. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submitted a report that required Members to determine an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Manager, a Licensing Officer and the Legal Advisor to the sub-committee were present.

The applicant had not arrived for the 10am start of the meeting. The Chair agreed to wait for a period of ten minutes before proceeding with the Licensing Officer's report. The applicant did not arrive and the meeting resumed in their absence.

The Chair led introductions and informed those present of housekeeping and evacuation procedures.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and outlined details of the applicant, including the relevant City Council Guidelines.

The Sub-Committee received legal advice from the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee in the presence of all those present.

In reaching their decision, Members felt they should deliberate in private on the basis that this was in the public interest, and as such outweighed the public interest of their deliberation taking place with the parties represented present.

The Chair announced that the decision and reasons made during private deliberation would be announced in writing within five working days.

The Chair informed the meeting the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee would be called back to give advice on the wording of the decision.

The Chair then asked all but Members of the Sub-Committee and Governance Support Officer to leave the meeting. The Sub-Committee then deliberated in private to consider their decision.

The Sub-Committee recalled the Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee to give advice on the wording of the decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the grant of a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be REFUSED as Members were not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Licence.

The applicant would be provided with reasons for the decision in writing within 5 working days.

The applicant would be advised of the right to appeal the decision.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10:20am.

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

Document is Restricted

