



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
LICENSING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 2022 at 10:00 am

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Byrne (Chair)

Councillor Cank

Councillor Pickering

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1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Byrne was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they had in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Enforcement Sub-Committee held 3 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the following report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves 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 that is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

Paragraph 7

Information relating to the any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation, or prosecution of crime

B1) Application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence

6. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY 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 applicant was present, the Licensing Team Manager and Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee were also present.

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

The applicant was invited to set out the reasons why he ought to be granted the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and answered questions from Members and Officers.

All parties present were given the opportunity to sum up their positions and make any final comments.

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 publicly 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 Democratic 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.

All parties would be advised of the right to appeal the decision to the Magistrates Court.

7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.36am.