

MINUTES OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 14 December 2015

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COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Cook, Clarkson and Gant.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jeremy Franklin (Lawyer), Jill Cramer (Licensing Officer), Anna Kieca (Licensing Compliance Officer) and Jennifer Thompson (Committee and Members Services Officer)

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Royce submitted apologies and Councillor Gant substituted for her.

43. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE MEETING

The Sub-Committee noted the Council's procedure, policy and guidance note on the relevance of warnings, offences, cautions and convictions.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

45. MINUTES

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2015 as a true and accurate record.

46. EXEMPT MATTERS

The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that their presence would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

47. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2015 as a true and accurate record.

48. HCPH: - SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND HOLD A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN LIGHT OF A CAUTION AND REPEATED FAILURES TO DECLARE SUCH CAUTION.

The Sub-Committee resolved to defer this case to the next meeting as the licence holder was not present.

49. HCPH: APPLICATION TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (DEFERRED FROM 16 NOVEMBER 2015)

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine an application to drive Private Hire Vehicles. This case had been deferred from 16 November 2015 as the applicant had not attended that hearing.

The applicant was not present for this hearing.

The Sub-Committee resolved to REFUSE the application for a Private Hire Driver Licence as the applicant did not meet the Council's licensing policy which requires applicants to be free from convictions and cautions for 3 years.

50. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSED AT THE CHIEF POLICE OFFICER(S) DISCRETION (DEFERRED FROM 16 NOVEMBER 2015)

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine the licence holder's suitability to continue to drive Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles. This case had been deferred from the meeting on 16 November 2015 as the license holder had not attended the hearing.

The Sub-Committee resolved to AGREE that the license holder remained a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage & Private Hire driver licence.

51. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Sub-Committee NOTED the following future meeting dates (if needed):

5pm Monday 25 January 2016

5pm Monday 14 March 2016

5pm Monday 25 April 2016

5pm Monday 23 May 2016

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.30 pm