

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub- Committee on Monday 14 October 2024



Committee members present:

Councillor Clarkson (Chair)

Councillor Sandelson

Councillor Yeatman

Officers present for all or part of the meeting:

Emma Thompson, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

Richard Masters, Senior Licensing Compliance Officer

Tazafar Asghar, Legal Advisor

David Stevens, Principal Lead Officer, Regulatory Services

Nicholas Cox, Team Manager Business Regulation, Regulatory Services

Dr Brenda McCollum, Committee and Member Services

Apologies:

None.

43. Declarations of Interest

None.

44. Procedure to be followed at the meeting

The Sub-Committee noted the procedure for the hearings, the street trading policy, and the policy on the relevance of warnings, offences, cautions and convictions.

45. Minutes

The Sub-Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 02 September 2024 as a true and accurate record.

46. Street Trading Renewal Application

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 this item 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.

The Principal Lead Officer, Business Regulation Team had submitted a report to inform the determination of the applicant's suitability to continue to operate a street trading business.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Suspend** the applicant's Street Trading Consent, until such time that he has demonstrated either that the Traffic Commissioner has granted a stay of the suspension of the HGVOL or that he has a valid HGVOL. This decision was made taking into account the details set out in the report and the representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

47. Exempt Matters and Confidential Session

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.

The Sub-Committee considered matters relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licensing in private.

48. Suitability to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Executive Director for Communities and People had submitted a report to inform the determination of the appellant's 'fit and proper' status to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Revoke** the appellant's Private Hire Driver Licence taking into account the details set out in the report and the representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting.

49. Suitability to continue to drive Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles

The Executive Director for Communities and People had submitted a report to inform the determination of the appellant's 'fit and proper' status to renew his licence to drive Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Grant** the appellant's Private Hire Driver Licence taking into account the details set out in the report and the representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting. The license was granted with the condition that if there are any other complaints, major or minor, in the next 12 months the appellant will be required to come straight back to the committee for reconsideration of his fit and proper person status.

This decision was not unanimous, one member of the Sub-Committee did not agree with the decision reached.

50. Suitability to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles

The Executive Director for Communities and People had submitted a report to inform the determination of the appellant’s ‘fit and proper’ status to continue to drive Private Hire Vehicles in the City.

The General Purposes Licensing Casework Sub-Committee resolved to:

- **Take no action** regarding the appellant’s Private Hire Driver Licence and to allow it to continue until it’s expiry in January of 2027. This decision was reached by taking into account the details set out in the report and the representations made at this Sub-Committee meeting. The license was allowed to continue with the condition that if there are any other complaints, major or minor, in the next 12 months the appellant will be required to come straight back to the committee for reconsideration of his fit and proper person status.

51. Confidential Minutes

The Sub-Committee resolved to approve the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 02 September 2024 as a true and accurate record.

52. Dates of future meetings

The dates of future meetings were noted.

The meeting started at 18:00 and ended at 21:20.

Chair

Date: Tuesday 22 October 2024

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