SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 28 April 2014

PRESENT: Councillors Clive Skelton (Chair), Nikki Bond and Jillian Creasy

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Denise Reaney attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on item 4 on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - INDIVIDUAL CASES

- 4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted details in respect of five cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.
- 4.2 The applicant in Case No. 27/14 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.3 The licence holder in Case No. 28/14 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.4 The applicant in Case No. 33/14 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.5 The applicant in Case No. 34/14 was unable to attend the hearing due to imprisonment following previous convictions and the case was heard in his absence.
- 4.6 The applicant in Case No.103/11 was unable to attend the hearing due to imprisonment following previous convictions and the case was heard in his absence.

Decision

4.7 RESOLVED: That the cases now submitted be determined as follows:-

Case No. Licence Type

27/14	Application to renew a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Refuse to grant a licence on the grounds that the applicant has failed to demonstrate that there has been exceptional circumstances in the case to warrant a departure from the current policy, relating to the age limit of vehicles, specifically with regard to the efforts made by the applicant in maintaining the vehicle
28/14	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Due to a pending Court hearing, the applicant requested that his application be deferred until after that hearing. Following consideration of the request, the Sub-Committee agreed to defer the application until 12 th May, 2014.
33/14	Application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Grant a licence for nine months and, on the first renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a 12 month licence and, on any subsequent renewals, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern.
34/14	Application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Refuse to grant a licence on the grounds that the Sub-Committee does not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in the light of the specific offences and conviction now reported.
103/11	Application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Refuse to grant a licence on the grounds that the Sub-Committee does not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in the light of the specific offences and conviction now reported.