

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Licensing Sub-Committee

### Meeting held 21 April 2020

(NOTE: Due to the coronavirus outbreak, and subsequent lockdown, the meeting was held as an online video conference)

**PRESENT:** Councillors Karen McGowan (Chair), Josie Paszek and Cliff Woodcraft

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

#### **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 5 on the agenda (item 4 of these minutes) 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 three cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

4.2 The applicant in Case No.26/20 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No.36/20 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The applicant in Case No.38/20 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.5 RESOLVED: That, after consideration of the information contained in the case papers, and the information now reported, the cases now submitted be determined as follows:-

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
26/20	Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence	(a) on the basis that the applicant has demonstrated exceptional

- circumstances to warrant a deviation from current policy, mainly due to the bespoke nature of the business, the applicant be exempted from those conditions requiring (i) all seats in the vehicle to be facing forward and (ii) taxi stickers and a taxi plate to be displayed on the vehicle, with the exemptions applying only to the vehicle when a job booking begins or ends outside the controlled district of Sheffield, or when a booking is made within the controlled district of Sheffield where the period of hire is less than 60 minutes and (b) the additional driver requested by the applicant must be a named driver.
- 36/20                      Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence                      (a) on the basis that the applicant has demonstrated exceptional circumstances to warrant a deviation from the current Private Hire Vehicle policy, the applicant be exempted from the requirement with regard to tinted windows and (b) the additional driver requested by the applicant must be a named driver.
- 38/20                      Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence                      (a) grant a licence for the term of one year, as requested, on the grounds that the Sub-Committee considers the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold the licence and (b) the applicant be given a written warning as to his future conduct, to remain live for the term of the licence.