

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee (Regulatory)

Meeting held 14 October 2024

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker (Chair), Barbara Masters and Joe Otten

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence. Councillor John Wright attended 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 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 five cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.
- 4.2 The applicant in Case No. 115/24 attended the hearing with two representatives, and they all addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.3 The applicant in Case No. 130/24 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.4 The applicant in Case No. 131/24 had informed the Licensing Service that he was not able to attend the meeting and requested that consideration of his application be deferred.
- 4.5 The licence holder in Case No. 103/24 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.6 The licence holder in Case No. 80/24 attended the hearing with two representatives, and they all addressed the Sub-Committee.

- 4.7 **RESOLVED:** That, after consideration of the information contained in the case papers, and the information now reported and, where relevant, circulated either prior to the meeting, but after publication of the agenda, or at the meeting, the cases now submitted be determined as follows:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
115/24	Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Refuse to grant a licence on the grounds that, in view of the circumstances presented, the Sub-Committee does not consider the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence.
130/24	Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Grant a licence for 12 months on the grounds that the applicant has provided sufficient evidence to convince the Sub-Committee that there are exceptional reasons to deviate from the current policy on the age limit of vehicles.
131/24	Application to extend a Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Defer consideration of the application to give the applicant a further opportunity to attend and present his case.
103/24	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	The licence holder be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct, to remain live for the duration of the licence, stating that, should there be any further causes for concern, the licence would be referred back to the Sub-Committee.
80/24	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Immediately revoke the licence under Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, as amended by Section 52 of the Road Safety Act 2006, on the grounds that the Sub-Committee no longer considers the licence holder to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence in view of the serious offence now reported.