

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 11 March 2013

PRESENT: Councillors John Robson (Chair), David Barker and Nikki Bond

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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 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 two cases relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing.

4.2 The applicant in Case No. 23/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 24/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

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

| <u>Case No.</u> | <u>Licence Type</u> | <u>Decision</u> |
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| 23/13 | Renewal Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence | Grant a licence for the shorter term of six months in view of the offence and conviction now reported, subject to the applicant arranging to have a drug test every month throughout that period, and providing documentary evidence that the tests have proved negative and, if this is the case, on the first renewal, |

authority be given to grant the applicant a nine month licence, on the second renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant a 12 month licence and, on any subsequent renewal, an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further cause for concern.

24/13

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 (a) the applicant's offences and convictions, (b) inconsistencies in his account and responses to questions raised, (c) the fact that he did not fully disclose all the circumstances, (d) the fact that he was not considered to be a reliable witness, (e) the previous written warnings he had received in terms of his conduct, (f) his past disqualifications and (g) his potential threat to female passengers.