

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 2 December 2013

PRESENT: Councillors Clive Skelton (Chair), Jenny Armstrong and David Barker

.....

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 three cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

4.2 Prior to the consideration of each case, the Chair stated that, due to unforeseen circumstances, there was no Council officer present at the meeting to provide legal advice to the Sub-Committee but, if required, Members would seek advice, by telephone. In each case, the applicants and their representatives, where applicable, gave their consent for the cases to be considered in this way.

4.3 The applicant in Case No. 92/13 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The applicant in Case No. 100/13 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.5 The applicant in Case No. 101/13 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

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

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
-----------------	---------------------	-----------------

92/13	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 the offence now reported.
100/13	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.
101/13	Application for a new Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Agree to deviate from current policy and issue a licence for the normal term of 12 months on the grounds that (a) the Sub-Committee considers that the applicant's failure to licence the vehicle on time was due to unforeseen circumstances which were outside his control and (b) the applicant's vehicle is in excellent condition.