

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Committee

Meeting held 24 March 2016

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker (Chair), Nikki Bond, Jack Clarkson, Neale Gibson, Dianne Hurst, Roy Munn, Anne Murphy, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Co-Chair (Councillor Geoff Smith) and Councillors Josie Paszek, Denise Reaney and Zoe Sykes.

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 CASE

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted details in respect of a case relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

4.2 The applicant in Case No. 19/16 attended the hearing and addressed the Committee.

4.3 In attendance for this item were Councillors David Barker (Chair), Nikki Bond, Vickie Priestley and Cliff Woodcraft.

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

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
19/16	Application to renew a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Grant a licence for the normal term of 36 months as requested, but the applicant be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct, to remain in place for the duration of the licence.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 5.1 The minutes of meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 25th and 26th January and 2nd, 9th and 16th February 2016, were approved as correct records.

6. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE LIMITATION POLICY - INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE AN UNMET DEMAND SURVEY

- 6.1 Further to the decision of the Committee, at its meeting held on 18th February 2016, the Chief Licensing Officer submitted a report containing details of the proposed review of the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Limitation Policy and attaching, as appendices, the previous specification details relating to a similar survey undertaken in 2010 and the tender documentation sent out to prospective tenderers in 2010.
- 6.2 In response to questions from Members of the Committee, Clive Stephenson (Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer) stated that the costs of the survey would be shared equally between all Hackney Carriage proprietors. The Licensing Service already had details of results of air quality tests undertaken, which could be used as part of the survey. The specification could include a request to seek comments from people who don't travel by taxi, with the aim of getting a more balanced view, and the Service would have this information following the last survey undertaken.
- 6.3 Members commented on the specification details relating to the survey undertaken in 2010, as set out in the report, relating to both quantitative and qualitative issues.
- 6.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee:-
- (a) notes the contents of the report now submitted together with the comments now made; and
 - (b) requests the Chief Licensing Officer to draw up a draft specification for the unmet demand survey, which would run from August to December 2016, based on the comments raised at the meeting.