SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 22 March 2022

PRESENT: Councillors' David Barker (Chair), Ruth Milsom and Ann Woolhouse

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Paszek.

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 four cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.
- 4.2 The applicant in Case No. 40/22 did not attend the hearing and provided reasons to the Sub-Committee for his non-attendance. The Sub-Committee decided to proceed to consider the case in his absence.
- 4.3 The applicant in Case No. 41/22 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.4 The licence holder in Case No. 42/22 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.5 The licence holder in Case No. 43/22 attended the hearing with a representative and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.6 RESOLVED: That, after consideration of the information contained in the case papers, and the information now reported, and where relevant, circulated either prior to or at the meeting, the cases now submitted be determined as follows:-

Case No	Licence Type	Decision
40/22	Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	(a) Grant a licence for three years, 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.
41/22	Application to extend a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	Refuse to extend the licence on the grounds that the applicant has not 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.
42/22	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.
43/22	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	(a) Immediately suspend the licence under Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, as amended by Section 52 of the Road Safety Act 2006, in view of the incident now reported, until such time the licence holder completes the driving skills course and (b) the licence holder be given a written warning as to his future conduct, to remain live for the term of the current licence.