

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee

Meeting held 29 October 2024

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker (Chair), Peter Gilbert and Karen McGowan

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor John Wright attended the meeting 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 four cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.
- 4.2 The Chief Licensing Officer reported that, since the publication of the agenda, the applicant in Case No.139/24 had withdrawn his application.
- 4.3 The applicant in Case No. 140/24 did not attend the hearing and did not make the Council aware that he would be absent.
- 4.4 The applicant in Case No. 131/24 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.5 The licence holder in Case No. 137/24 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 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>
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| 140/24 | Application to renew a Private Hire Vehicle Licence. | Defer consideration of the case with the applicant being given a further opportunity to attend a meeting. |
| 131/24 | Application to renew a Private Hire Vehicle Licence. | Grant the licence for the term of 6months, subject to the applicant completing a Compliance Test, 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. |
| 137/24 | 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 offence now reported. (b) the suspension be lifted once the licence holder re-takes and passes the Sheffield City Council Driving Standards Examination and (c), once the suspension has been lifted, the licence holder be given a written warning as to his future conduct, which is to stay on his record for three years stating that should there be any further causes for concern, the licence be referred back to the Sub-Committee. |