

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Licensing Sub-Committee – (Regulatory)

Meeting held 25 November 2024

PRESENT: Councillors David Barker (Chair), Qais Al-Ahdal and Maroof Raouf

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence. Councillor Peter Gilbert attended 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. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing - Individual Cases

- 4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted details in respect of five cases relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.
- 4.2 The applicant in Case No. 143/24 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.3 The applicant in Case No. 147/24 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.4 The applicant in Case No. 150/24 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

- 4.5 The applicant in Case No. 152/24 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.6 The licence holder in Case No. 151/24 attended the hearing with a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.
- 4.7 **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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| 143/24 | Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence | Refuse to grant the application on the grounds that the Sub-Committee does not consider there is sufficient evidence to deviate from the current policy as the design and appearance of the vehicle was such that it could lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage. |
| 147/24 | Application for a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence | Grant a licence for the term of one year, as requested, on the grounds that the Sub-Committee considers the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence. |
| 150/24 | Application for the extension of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence. | Refuse to grant the application on the grounds that the Sub-Committee does not consider there is sufficient evidence to deviate from the current policy on the age limit of vehicles. |
| 152/24 | Application to renew a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence. | Grant the licence for three years, as applied for, with the applicant to be issued with a warning as to his future conduct to remain live on his licence for three years, stating that, should there be any further causes for concern, the licence will be referred back to the Sub-Committee. |
| 151/24 | 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 allegations now reported. |

