

MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

held 20th February 2012

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Saunders (Chair), Simon Clement-Jones and Diane Leek

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1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and outlined basic housekeeping and fire safety arrangements.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Geoff Smith attended the meeting as reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

3.1 **RESOLVED:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on the item of business to be considered 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.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

4.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted details in respect of three cases relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing.

4.2 The applicant in Case No. 18/12 attended the hearing accompanied by a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The licence holder in Case No. 19/12 attended the hearing accompanied by a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The applicant in Case No. 20/12 did not attend the hearing.

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

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
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18/12	Renewal application for a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence	(i) Grant a short term licence for 9 months, in view of the offences and convictions now reported and, on renewal, authority be given to grant the applicant an 18 month licence, subject to there being no further offences or convictions reported, and (ii) the applicant be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct and should there be any further issues occurring, then the licence be referred back to the Sub-Committee.
19/12	Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence	(i) Take no action, on the basis that the Sub-Committee were satisfied that the licence holder was a fit and proper person, and (ii) issue a written warning as to the licence holder's future conduct, in particular with relation to his obligation to report any convictions to the Licensing Authority within 14 days.
20/12	Application for a new Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence	Defer the application to a date no later than one month hence, to allow the applicant the opportunity to attend the hearing accompanied by his legal representative.