

Licensing Sub-Committee (Regulatory)

Meeting held 28 November 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Jayne Dunn (Chair), Henry Nottage and Ann Woolhouse

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies for absence were received.

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.174/22 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.3 The licence holder in Case No.175/22 attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

4.4 The licence holder in Case No.176/22 did not attend the hearing and the Sub-Committee decided to proceed to consider the case in his absence.

4.5 The applicant in Case No.179/22 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 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>
174/22	Request to extend a Private Hire Vehicle Licence	Extend the licence for 12 months 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.
175/22	Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence	Suspend the licence under Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, until such time the licence holder secures permanent door signage to the vehicle.
176/22	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.
179/22	Request to extend a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence	(a) Extend the licence for 6 months 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; and (b) due to previous defects found on the vehicle during MOT tests, the applicant be required to arrange an MOT and compliance test before the licence is extended.