

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Councillor D Grindell, Vice Chair in the Chair

Councillors: E Cubley
T A Cullen
R I Jackson
R D MacRae
J C Patrick
D D Pringle
P D Simpson
I L Tyler

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bagshaw, E H Atherton and M Radulovic MBE.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 7 September 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

16 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The meeting procedure was noted. Members considered the report which sought a decision as to whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private driver's licence. Members considered the representations made by the applicant, who appeared in person, the Council's representative, the relevant legislation and the Council's Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private driver's licence and the application be granted subject to the satisfactory completion of the full application process.

18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Members noted the hearing procedure. The Committee considered the representations made by the applicant, the Council's representative, the relevant legislation and the Council's Licensing Policy. Members could not be satisfied, on the balance of probabilities that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence and the Committee found no reason to depart from the adopted Policy. The applicant was advised of his rights of appeal against the decision.

RESOLVED that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence and the licence should not be granted to the applicant.

After the vote, Councillor R I Jackson left the meeting and took no further part in proceedings.

19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Committee noted the procedure. Members considered the report which sought a decision as to whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private driver's licence. Members considered the representations made by the applicant and their solicitor, the Council's representative, the relevant legislation and the Council's Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private driver's licence, but that the licence be granted for a period of two years rather than three to ensure that the high standards expected from the Council were maintained.

Councillor T A Cullen left the meeting after the vote, but prior to the decision being given to the applicant.