

Minutes

Licensing Sub-Committee Wednesday, 20th July, 2022

Attendance

Cllr Barber
Cllr Dr Barrett

Cllr Laplain

Apologies

Cllr Jakobsson

Officers Present

Paul Adams	- Licensing Manager
Zoey Foakes	- Governance & Member Support Officer
Sam Haldane	- For and on behalf of the Council Solicitor
Caroline Harrison	- Licensing Officer
Dave Leonard	- Licensing Officer
Maria Moses	- Licensing Officer

100. Appointment of Chair

Members nominated Cllr Barber to Chair this hearing.

101. Administrative Function

Members were respectfully reminded that, in determining the matters listed below, they were exercising an administrative function with the civil burden of proof, ie, 'on the balance of probabilities.' The matter would be determined on the facts before the Sub-Committee and the rules of natural justice would apply.

102. Consideration of the suitability of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver to continue to hold a licence

The Sub-Committee Considered the report with appendices, considered all the information made available to it at the hearing and determined if the licence holder remains a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private; Hire Drivers Licence; and decides whether to either:

R1. Revoke the licence; or

R2. Suspend the licence; or
R3. Take no further action; or
R4. Any other decision the Sub-Committee deems reasonable, which may include a written warning or to undertake some further training.

Based on all the evidence, the Committee resolved that R4 would be appropriate to issue a written warning and undertake some further training.

103. Consideration of the suitability of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver to continue to hold a licence

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- a) Revoke the licence; or
- b) Suspend the licence; or
- c) Any other decision the Sub-Committee deems reasonable, which may include passing an approved Taxi Driver Assessment, issuing a written warning; or
- d) To take no further action.

Based on all the evidence, the Committee resolved recommendation C to issue a written warning and for the driver to take an approved Taxi Driver Assessment.