

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

HELD:1 APRIL 2014

Start: 7.45pm

Finish: 9.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor Cropper (Chairman)

Councillors: Baldock Mrs Stephenson
Delaney Sudworth
Griffiths Whittington
Oliver Wright
Owen

Officers: Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager (Mr P Charlson)
Principal Solicitor (Mr L Gardner)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs M Murray)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mr A Denton)
Member Services / Civic Support Officer (Mrs J Brown)

61. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

62. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor Kay and the appointment of Councillor Sudworth for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

63. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

64. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Owen declared a pecuniary interest relating to Agenda Item 10, Application for Private Hire Driver Licence – WK/000184646 as the Applicant was known to her and therefore left the Chamber and took no part in the consideration of this item.

66. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

There were no Minutes to receive.

67. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2014 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

68. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 (Identity of an Individual) and Paragraph 7 (Criminal Matters) Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act and as in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**69. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000186184
(IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL / CRIMINAL MATTERS - PARA'S 2 & 7)**

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000186184 having regard to the offences declared on the Statutory Declaration, which accompanied the Application Form and those offences not declared which were identified on the DVLA report.

The Applicant attended the meeting with his representative and was interviewed by the Committee during which the Applicant was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court if he was aggrieved by the decision.

RESOLVED: That Application number WK/000186184 be GRANTED

(Note: The Officers from Community Services left the meeting as Members considered their decision in this case).

**70. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000184646
(IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL / CRIMINAL MATTERS - PARA'S 2 & 7)**

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence Number WK/000184646 having regard to the offences declared on the Statutory Declaration, which accompanied the Application Form and those offences not declared which were identified on the DVLA report.

The Applicant attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Committee during which the Applicant was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court if he was aggrieved by the decision.

RESOLVED: That Application Number WK/000184646 be GRANTED

(Note 1: Councillor Owen declared a pecuniary interest in this item and therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item).

(Note 2: The Officers from Community Services left the meeting as Members considered their decision in this case).

**71. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000186017
(IDENTITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL / CRIMINAL MATTERS - PARA'S 2 & 7)**

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence having regard to the offences declared on the Statutory Declaration, which accompanied the Application Form and those offences not declared which were identified on the DVLA report.

The Applicant attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Committee during which he was informed of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court if he was aggrieved by the decision.

RESOLVED: That Application Number WK/000186017 be GRANTED

(Note 1: The Officers from Community Services left the meeting as Members considered their decision in this case).

(Note 2: The Chairman announced that this was his and Councillor Baldock's last meeting as they were retiring from West Lancashire Borough Council after 19 and 16 years respectively. He thanked Members and Officers for their work of the Committee. Councillor Oliver personally thanked them both for their work and dedication to the Licensing Committee).

- CHAIRMAN -