

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 20 February 2018

Start: 7.30 pm

Finish: 8.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: T Devine (Chairman)

Councillors:	N Delaney	C Evans
	J Kay	D McKay
	J Mee	R Melling
	M Mills	G Owen
	A Owens	K Wright

Officers: Paul Charlson, Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager
Samantha Jordan, Senior Licensing Officer
Kay Lovelady, Principal Solicitor
Julia Brown, Member Services/Civic Support Officer

51 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

52 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to Membership of the Committee.

53 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

54 **DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

55 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor G Owen declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 12- Application for Private Hire Driver Licence WK/000236453 as the Applicant was known to her personally.

56 **MINUTES OF SUB - COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS**

There were no minutes to receive.

57 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

58 **INSTITUTE OF LICENSING CONSULTATION - SUITABILITY OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE APPLICANTS AND LICENSEES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Environment as contained on pages 449 to 510 of the Book of Reports which informed Members of a public consultation, conducted by the Institute of Licensing, on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trades and to approve a response.

The Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager outlined the report and responded to comments and questions raised by Members.

RESOLVED: That the consultation response provided at Appendix 4 to the report be approved for submission to the Institute of Licensing before the consultation deadline of 28 February 2018.

59 **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 outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

60 **APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE -WK/000233094**

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000233094 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000233094 be deferred one cycle in order to allow the Applicant to attend.

61 **APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000236716**

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000236716 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

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

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000236716 be REFUSED.

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

62 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000236453

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000236453 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000236453 be deferred one cycle in order to allow receipt of the DBS Report.

63 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000234945

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000234945 having regard to the statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

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

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000234945 be REFUSED.

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

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Chairman