

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 23 July 2014

Present: Councillor Marion Lowe (Chair), Councillor (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Doreen Dickinson, Hasina Khan, Mick Muncaster and Pauline Phipps

Also in attendance

Officer: Alex Jackson (Legal Services Team Leader), Jodi Fitzpatrick (Solicitor), Lesley Miller (Regulatory Services Manager), Stephen Culleton (Licensing Officer) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

14.LSC.6 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of any interests.

14.LSC.7 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED –That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

14.LSC.8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO RENEW A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community in the presence of the driver and his representative to consider if he was a fit and proper person to have his licence renewed.

Officers had received the driver's application to renew his private hire driver's licence on 16 May 2014, together with the DVLA Group II Medical in support of his application, which indicated medical issues that had given cause for the Council's Medical Advisor, to make representation with regards as to whether the driver was a fit a proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Council's Medical Advisor recommended that the driver provide three blood pressure readings to be taken one week apart, each of which, to be within DVLA limits. On 30 June 2014, the driver provided further results for his blood pressure readings that satisfied the medical advisor; he therefore recommended that the Council issue the driver with a licence for a period of 12 months.

The Council's Medical Advisor noted that the driver had just started medication for his blood pressure and he therefore recommended that the driver's blood pressure readings be provided again in a years' time to ensure he is still compliant with the treatment and lifestyle advice given by his GP and that his blood pressure is still acceptable.

The Sub Committee was satisfied that the driver was safe to drive with this additional monitoring in place and **RESOLVED to:**

- a) **Revoke the driver's licence PHD0750 with immediate effect.**
- b) **Re-issue the driver with a PHD licence for a period of 12 months(accepting that all the current PHD conditions of a licence had been met) and attaching the following conditions: The driver is to provide three consecutive satisfactory blood pressure readings, to be taken prior to the renewal date of that licence, such readings shall satisfy DVLA Group II Medical Standards, the driver to provide a written declaration to state that he has continued to follow the guidance given by his GP in relation to treating his blood pressure.**
- c) **To delegate authority to Officers to re-issue the driver's PHD licence upon satisfactory receipt of the information requested in paragraph b, above for the following 2 years, (this will extend the driver's entitlement to a three year period in line with the fee paid to date and in line with current licensing provisions.**
- d) **Should the driver not be in a position to satisfy the above conditions at the end of 12 and 24 month intervals, to authorise Officers to suspend the driver's PHD licence and refer the matter back to the General Licensing Sub Committee to determine whether he is a fit and proper person to continue to hold a PHD licence.**

Chair