

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 7 July 2010

Present: Councillor Pat Haughton (Chair) and Councillors Hasina Khan, Alan Platt, Ralph Snape and John Walker

10.LSC.35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

10.LSC.36 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests declared by any of the Sub-Committee Members.

10.LSC.37 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 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

10.LSC.38 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

With the consent of the Chair this item had been withdrawn.

10.LSC.39 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report from the Director of People and Places, seeking Members' instructions on an application for a Private Hire and a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The application could only be determined by the General Licensing Sub-Committee as the applicant had not met the Council's licensing condition that stated an applicant was required to have a minimum of three years driving experience on a full UK driving licence as set out in the Council's Guidance to Taxi Licensing.

Members noted that the applicant had held a full UK drivers' licence since 28 September 2007.

The Public Protection Officer confirmed that the applicants Criminal Records Bureau check, convictions declaration, medical and knowledge test had satisfied Licensing conditions.

The applicant attended the meeting to put forward representations in support of his application, and advised if Members were minded to grant his application he would work for his father who was the owner of a Hackney Carriage vehicle, which operated in Chorley.

The Sub-Committee considered all aspects of the application, including representations from the applicant, the Public Protection Officer, and the Council's Guidance to Taxi Licensing.

After careful consideration of all the relevant factors, the Sub-Committee unanimously **RESOLVED to grant the application for a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.**

Chair of the General Licensing Sub-Committee