

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 6 February 2013

Present: Councillor (Chair) and Councillors Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Hasina Khan and Alan Platt

Also in attendance

Officer: Dianne Scambler (Democratic Services Officer), Stephen Culleton (Public Protection Officer) and Alex Jackson (Senior Lawyer)

13.LSC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

13.LSC.2 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of any interests.

13.LSC.3 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.

13.LSC.4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 SECTION 51

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of People and Places to determine whether or not a driver should be granted a Private Hire Driver's licence.

Members were informed that the Council had received an application on 3 September 2012. The driver had satisfactorily completed the Council's Knowledge Test, the DSA Driver Assessment and the DVLA Group 2 Medical.

The driver's declaration of convictions and CRB contained a number of driving convictions that had been recorded in 2006 and 2007. The driver had been banned from driving for 20 months that had been reduced to 15 months on the completion of a driver rehabilitation course taken on 17 June 2008. The driver received his entitlement to drive on 18 November 2008 and had not received any further driving convictions since the reinstatement of his licence.

The driver attended the meeting along with a representative who was the joint proprietor for one of the Council's Operator's Licences. The driver said that he had grown up a lot over the past few years and was now a family man who had a responsibility to provide for his family.

His representative also gave representations in support of his application and stated that the company were prepared to employ the driver if the Private Hire Driver's licence was granted, adding that the driver had shown great determination, commitment and maturity to correct his previous errors and that she had every confidence in him.

Members carefully considered the representations from the driver, his prospective employer and the Public Protection Officer and **RESOLVED to grant the application for a private hire driver's licence for the following reasons:**

- **The applicant had no convictions since the period of disqualification of the driving licence had expired.**
- **Members noted that the driver had admitted to his past mistakes and is now more mature and responsible.**
- **Members noted the comments made by the prospective employer that she was satisfied about his reliability.**

13.LSC.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982, SCHEDULE 3, PARAGRAPH 17, REVOCATION OF LICENCE.

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Director of People and Places to determine whether or not the licence holder was a suitable person to continue to hold the Sex Shop Licence in light of recent convictions and other matters contained within the report.

Members carefully considered all representations and **RESOLVED to request that Public Protection Officers issue a written warning as to the conduct of the licence holder to remain on file.**

Chair