

## LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 3 MINUTES - 6 MARCH 2018

**Present:** Councillor Livingston (in the Chair);

Councillors Dennis, D Edwards and Skeats.

**Apologies:** Councillors Woodward (Chair) and McDonald.

### 31. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 32. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**Resolved -**

That, pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), members of the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following items of business as it was likely that there would be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act.

### 33. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE - WHITEKNIGHTS TRAVEL LIMITED, WHITEKNIGHTS ROAD, READING

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report on an application by ZM for the grant of a private hire (school transport) vehicle operator's licence in respect of Whiteknights Travel Limited, Whiteknights Road, Reading, RG6 7BD.

A summary of the circumstances of the case was appended to the report.

The applicant, ZM, was present at the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee and was accompanied by Mr Mohammed Asram.

**Resolved -**

That the application by ZM for the grant of a private hire (school transport) vehicle operator's licence in respect of Whiteknights Travel Limited be granted for six months for five vehicles only and the Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services be authorised to renew the licence for a further six months, subject to no breaches of licence conditions, offences being committed or complaints being received.

### 34. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT, RENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCES

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider the grant of a three year private hire vehicle driver's licence and the revocation of a three year hackney carriage driver's licence.

A summary of the circumstances of each case was appended to the report.

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The applicants were both present at the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee. MS was accompanied by his cousin S. AH was represented by his solicitor Mr Rajah Azam who addressed the Sub-Committee on his behalf.

### Resolved -

- (1) That the application by MS for the grant of a three year private hire vehicle driver's licence be refused due to him not being considered a fit and proper person by reason of:
  - (a) the nature of the offences, as detailed in the report;
  - (b) insufficient time had elapsed since his convictions for some offences, as detailed in the report.
  
- (2) That the hackney carriage vehicle driver's licence in respect of AH be revoked with effect from the end of 21 days' notice of the decision being given and for the following reasonable causes pursuant to section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976:
  - (a) the nature of the alleged offence, as detailed in the report;
  - (b) on the balance of probabilities the Sub-Committee believed the complainants account of the incident;
  - (c) that AH had breached his position of trust as a hackney carriage driver and the Sub-Committee had a duty to protect travelling members of the public.

(Exempt information as defined in paragraph 1, 2, 3 and 5)

(The meeting started at 6.30pm and closed at 8.45pm)