

To: Councillor Edwards (Chair)
Councillors Woodward, Rowland, Skeats,
Rynn and Ennis

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NOTICE OF MEETING - LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 3 - 8 DECEMBER 2021

A meeting of the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee 3 will be held on Wednesday, 8 December 2021 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in relation to the items for consideration.		
2. MINUTES		3 - 4
To confirm the Minutes of the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee 3 meeting held on 4 November 2021.		
3. QUESTIONS		
Questions submitted pursuant to Standing Order 36 in relation to matters falling within the Committee's Powers & Duties which have been submitted in writing and received by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services no later than four clear working days before the meeting.		
4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC		

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At this point, the following motion will be moved by the Chair:

“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 on the agenda, as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act”

5. **APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT, RENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCES AND APPEALS AGAINST THE ALLOCATION OF PENALTY POINTS ON PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

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Present: Councillors Edwards (Chair), Ennis and Skeats.

Apologies: Councillor Rynn.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

6. 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 item of business as it was likely that there would be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 specified in Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act.

7. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE IN RESPECT OF PROMPT CARS, REGUS BUILDING, 400 THAMES VALLEY DRIVE, READING

The Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application by SH and SA for the grant of a private hire vehicle operator's licence. The proposal was to operate 10 vehicles.

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

SH and SA were present at the meeting, addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

Resolved -

That the application in respect of SH and SA for the grant of a private hire vehicle operator's licence be refused as they were not considered to be fit and proper persons to hold such a licence by reason of:

- (a) the serious nature of the offences as detailed in the report;
- (b) insufficient time had elapsed since the most recent breaches of conditions;
- (c) SA had not satisfied the Sub-Committee that his current immigration status allowed him work as the holder of an Operator's licence.

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

8 APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT, RENEWAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCES AND APPEALS AGAINST ALLOCATION OF PENALTY POINTS ON PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Executive Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a three-year School Transport Vehicle Driver's Licence and the suspension or revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence.

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

BH was present at the meeting and addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

RBS was not present at the meeting and had e-mailed Licensing officers explaining that he was too unwell to attend.

Resolved -

- (1) That the application by BH for the grant of a three-year School Transport 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 consideration of the suspension or revocation of the Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence in respect of RBS be deferred to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on 8 December 2021.

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

(The meeting started at 6.35pm and closed at 8.25pm)

Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3, 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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