

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

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NOTICE OF MEETING - LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE 3 - 1 MARCH 2022

A meeting of the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee 3 will be held on Tuesday, 1 March 2022 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 27 January 2022.		
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), Rowland, Rynn, Skeats and Woodward.

Apologies: Councillor Ennis.

12. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

13. 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.

14 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 the suspension or revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence and an appeal against penalty points allocated to a Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence.

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

FY was present at the meeting, addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions. AP also attended the meeting to support FY and answered questions.

Councillor Rowland left the meeting after consideration of FY's case and took no part in consideration of MSM's case.

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

Resolved -

- (1) That the Private Hire Vehicle Driver's licence in respect of FY be revoked with immediate effect due to the Sub-Committee not considering him to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and due to the following reasonable causes pursuant to section 61 (1) (b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976:
 - (a) the nature of the alleged incidents, as detailed in the report;
 - (b) concern over the safety of the public;

- (c) the breach of the Private Hire Driver Conditions, as detailed in the report.
- (2) That the appeal against the allocation of penalty points to the Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence in respect of MSM be refused due to the breach of Private Hire Driver Conditions, as detailed in the report. It had been found that the licence holder had been in breach of Condition 26.1 of the Private Hire Vehicles driver conditions in that they had been plying for hire during a test purchase operation, and as a consequence the addition of 12 penalty points to the driver's licence should stand.

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

(The meeting started at 9.38am and closed at 12.02pm)

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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