

LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 11 MAY 2023

Present: Councillors Edwards (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Challenger and Kitchingham

24. EXCLUSION OF 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.

25. A REPORT TO CONSIDER THE SUSPENSION/REVOCAION OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE, AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider the suspension/revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence, an application for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and an application for the grant of a three-year School Transport Vehicle Driver's Licence.

A summary of the circumstances of the cases was appended to the report. In the case of DP the Sub-Committee viewed videos clips of the incident and heard verbal evidence from two witnesses.

DP, SM and KH were all present at the meeting. They each addressed the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

Resolved -

- (1) That, the Private Hire Vehicle Driver's licence in respect of DP be revoked with immediate effect due to DP 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 having elapsed since the convictions for some of the offences and the disciplinary warnings given for similar behaviour, as detailed in the report;
 - c) breaches of licence conditions, traffic regulations and legislation, as detailed in the report;
 - d) the Sub-Committee determined that DP had displayed a pattern of behaviour that demonstrated that he was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

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DP was advised of their right of appeal.

- (2) That the application by SM for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be refused due to SM 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 having elapsed since the convictions for the offences, as detailed in the report;
 - c) breaches of licence conditions, traffic regulations and legislation, as detailed in the report.

SM was advised of their right of appeal.

- (3) That, the application by KH for the grant of a three-year School Transport Vehicle Driver's Licence be granted for the period of three years, subject to there being no further offences, breaches of licence conditions or complaints during the licenced period. This would also be subject to the completion of the application process including any payment of additional fees and to be effective from the date on the licence issued.

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

(The meeting started at 9.45 am and closed at 12.45 pm)