

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Friday 5 March 2010

Present:

Councillors Sterry, Thompson and Wadham

Also Present:

Senior Licensing Officer (IL), Licensing Solicitor and Member Services Officer (HB)

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Sterry was appointed Chair for the meeting.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

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APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (MR RT)

The Principal Licensing Officer presented an application from Mr T, an applicant for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle. Mr T's application had shown a conviction for domestic violence.

Mr T attended the meeting and spoke in support of his application. He stated that the incident was due to a family crisis that got out of control. He admitted to slapping his wife and that she had called the police as a result. Mrs T spoke in support of her husband stating that although they had argued before, the occasion in question was the first time her husband had hit her and she wanted to be sure it was the last so she had called the Police.

Mr T explained that he had been sentenced to 180 hours of community service and there was now approximately 130 hours remaining. In response to a question from the Licensing Solicitor, he stated that, if confronted with troublesome passengers in a taxi, he would step away and, if necessary, call the Police.

Mrs T stated that there had been no further problems.

The Sub Committee retired to make its decision in the presence of the Licensing Solicitor and the Member Services Officer.

RESOLVED that the application for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle be granted with a strong warning that the licence would be at risk if any further offences are committed during the life of that licence.

(Report circulated to Members)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

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APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO TRADE (MR PP)

The Principal Licensing Officer presented an application from Mr P to renew a consent to street trade for a period of twelve months in Castle Street (adjacent to High Street), Exeter, which was a designated consent street under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1982.

Mr P had held previous consents to trade in Castle Street since 2006 and he had applied for consent to trade for a further twelve months. The proposed method of trading had not drawn any adverse comments from the Environmental Health Department that dealt with food safety issues.

Mr P was seeking to trade from Sunday to Saturday between the hours of 19.00pm until 03.30am. He proposed to use a van as he had in previous years for the sale of hot food.

Mr P attended in support of his application.

The Sub Committee retired to make its decision in the presence of the Licensing Solicitor and the Member Services Officer.

RESOLVED that the consent be granted for a period of 12 months.

(Report circulated to Members)

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.10 am)

Chair