

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Thursday 6 January 2022

Present:

Councillors Newby and Wright

Also Present:

Legal Advisor, Principal Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer and Democratic Services Team Leader

1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Wright was appointed as Chair for this meeting.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

3 **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's 1 and 2 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 **GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE. TO DETERMINE IF THE APPLICANT IS FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO HOLD A TAXI DRIVERS LICENCE**

The Chair introduced the Licensing Sub Committee Members and Officers.

The Applicant had been referred to the Licensing Sub Committee to determine if he was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi drivers licence.

The Solicitor set out the procedure for the hearing and explained Section's 51 and 58 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 stating that the Licensing Authority must be satisfied that a driver is a fit and proper person to hold a licence to drive a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle.

The Solicitor stated that evidential burden was on the applicant to prove fitness and propriety on the balance of probabilities. Every case before the Licensing Sub-Committee was heard on its individual merits and the main concern of the Licensing Sub-Committee was the safety of the travelling public.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and gave evidence in respect of the application. The Applicant was in attendance, with a representative and spoke in support of the application and responded to questions from the Members and Solicitor.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Sub-committee were satisfied that the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi driver's licence.

(The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.48 am)

Chair