

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Thursday 12 July 2012

### **Present:**

Councillors Choules, Macdonald and Robson

### **Also Present:**

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

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### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Councillor Macdonald was appointed Chair for this 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 item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847**

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### **APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (MR KS)**

Mr KS had applied for a licence to drive a licensed vehicle. The application form had shown details of a caution issued in September 2009. Mr KS had submitted a letter explaining the background to the offence.

Mr KS attended the meeting and spoke in support of his application. He explained the background to the incident and subsequent caution which had occurred when he had been a pupil at St James' School. He stated that he greatly regretted the incident and that because he was a foreign national he had not been familiar when younger with the laws of this country. He assured the Sub Committee that he had learnt his lesson and would not behave in such a manner again. He advised that he had returned temporarily to Afghanistan and married and that he was keen to work as a taxi driver so that his wife could join him in this country.

He had been worked for a number of employers since leaving school including Next, the Raj India restaurant, a burger van in Sidwell Street and Crealy Park. He was currently undertaking deliveries which was also helping him with familiarising himself with Exeter and which would help him with his knowledge test as part of his application to become a taxi driver. In response to Members, he explained the reasons why he had left various employers.

**RESOLVED** that the application be refused as it was felt that Mr KS was not of sufficient maturity in his attitude for the Sub Committee to be confident that he would be able to meet his responsibilities when driving a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle. It was felt therefore that he was not a fit and proper person for the purpose of the taxi legislation.

(Report circulated to Members)

(The meeting commenced at 2.05 pm and closed at 2.50 pm)

Chair