

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Friday, 12 June 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Sargeant (Chair); Councillors Malpas and Eales.

Councillors Choudary, Culbard and Duffy were present for part of the meeting as observers, having not yet received training, with the agreement of the drivers concerned.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hill (Deputy Chair). Councillors Ansell, Beardsworth, Caswell and Walker sent apologies as they were awaiting licensing training. Councillors Choudary, Culbard and Duffy were present for part of the meeting as observers, having not yet received training.

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2. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Private Hire/Taxi drivers were given leave to address the Committee as set out in the confidential supplementary minutes for this meeting.

The drivers were asked individually if they were happy for new members to be present as observers for their cases and confirmed that they were.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G Eales declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 as he worked in the same building as the applicant, although they were not acquainted.

4. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE CHAIR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

There were none.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Chair moved that the Public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that there was likely to be disclosure to them of such categories of exempt information as defined by Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 as listed against such items of business by reference to paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to such Act.

The Motion was Carried.

6. NEW APPLICATION: PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined the circumstances as set out in the report.

Councillor G Eales declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest as he worked in the same building as the applicant, although they were not acquainted.

The Committee heard the representations made and reached a decision with regard to any action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

That a Private Hire Licence be granted with a commencement date of 28 July 2015.

7. REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined the circumstances as set out in the report.

The Committee heard the representations made and reached a decision with regard to any action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

That the Private Hire Driver be cautioned

8. REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S AND OPERATOR'S LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined the circumstances as set out in the report.

The Committee heard the representations made and reached a decision with regard to any action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

That the driver's Private Hire Licence be suspended for seven days.

9. REVIEW OF HACKNEY/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined the circumstances as set out in the report.

The Committee heard the representations made and reached a decision with regard to any action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

That the driver was a fit and proper person to be licensed as Hackney/Private Hire driver.

10. RENEWAL APPLICATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Senior Licensing Officer outlined the circumstances as set out in the report.

The Committee heard the representations made and reached a decision with regard to any action to be taken.

RESOLVED:

That the driver was not a fit and proper person to be licensed as a Private Hire driver.

The meeting concluded at 2:58 pm