

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 7 February 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Flavell (Chair); Councillor Sargeant (Deputy Chair); Councillors Ansell, Culbard and Choudary

OFFICERS: Ian Ellis (Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer), Eleanor Flannery (Licensing Enforcement Officer), Jason Toyne (Licensing Enforcement Officer, Mebs Kassam (Solicitor), Dan Kalley (Democratic Services Officer), Ed Bostock (Democratic Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Caswell, Hill, Duffy, Bottwood, Beardsworth and Eales.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

3. DEPUTATIONS / PUBLIC ADDRESSES

There were none.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Choudary declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9 by virtue of previous knowledge of the applicant and was excluded from that agenda item and did not take part in relation to that part of the agenda and was not involved in any decision making process.

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

There were none.

6. 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 the appropriate paragraph of Schedule 12A to such Act.

The Motion was Carried.

7. REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

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

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

Decision:

The Committee decided that the applicant was, on a balance of probability, not a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver's licence and was suspended for 4 weeks.

8. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - NEW APPLICATION

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

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

Decision:

The Committee decided that that applicant was, on a balance of probability, not a fit and proper person to hold a Private hire Driver's licence.

9. PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - NEW APPLICATION

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

Decision:

The Committee decided that that applicant was, on a balance of probability, not a fit and proper person to hold a Private hire Driver's licence.

The meeting concluded at 9:05pm