

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

16 OCTOBER 2014

PRESENT

Councillor C. Candish (in the Chair).

Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), D. Bunting, A. Duffield, M. Freeman, D. Jarman, P. Lally, M. Sephton and J. Smith

In attendance

P. Grendon	- Solicitor
J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
N. Owen	- Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance for Minute No. 16

D. Grey	- Enforcement Support Officer
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14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Protection Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th September 2014 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as specified.

16. PRIVATE HIRE/HACKNEY CARRIAGE KNOWLEDGE TEST - APPLICANT CAUGHT CHEATING

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider an incident of cheating which occurred during the Private Hire/Hackney Carriage knowledge test on Wednesday 2nd July 2014.

The Sub-Committee decided to determine the matter in the applicant's absence as this was the second opportunity he had been given to attend the Sub-Committee and he had failed to attend. They noted this was due to work commitments.

The Sub-Committee were informed of the details of the incident as set out in the report.

The Sub-Committee must be satisfied that a person is fit and proper to hold a licence. In determining suitability the Sub-Committee considered whether the applicant's character is suitable to carry out the duties of a Private Hire driver.

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The Council's guidance states that drivers of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles are expected to be persons of trust.

The Sub-Committee determined that the applicant had failed to satisfy them that he was a trustworthy person as demonstrated by the events of 2nd July 2014 and was therefore not fit and proper to hold a licence.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Mr. Z. A's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be refused.
- (2) That a further report be brought to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee for Members to consider delegating any further incidents of cheating during the Knowledge Test to officers for decision.

17. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider an application for the grant of Private Hire driver's licence. The applicant attended the meeting to enable Members to give the matter their full consideration.

The Sub-Committee determined that the spent convictions were relevant to the application and would be considered at the meeting along with the live conviction.

The applicant provided Members with a brief outline of the circumstances of the offences that took place in 2006, 2008 and 2010.

The Sub-Committee considered all the convictions and the circumstances detailed by the applicant and determined that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED: That Mr. C. R. K. H's application for a Private Hire driver's licence be granted.

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm and finished at 7.55 pm