

General Licensing Committee

A meeting of General Licensing Committee was held on Tuesday, 12th October, 2021.

Present: Cllr Paul Kirton (Chairman), Cllr Eileen Johnson (Vice-Chair), Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mick Moore, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Lee Spence, Cllr Marilyn Surtees, Cllr Hilary Vickers, Cllr Julia Whitehill, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE.

Officers: Elliot Beevers, Christina Bostock, Rachel Harrison, Sarah Whaley, John Wynn (MD); Natalie Hodgson, Jonathan Nertney (HR, L&C).

Also in attendance: Applicant - Ref 141588.

Apologies: Cllr Tina Large.

GLC Evacuation Procedure

5/21

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

GLC Declarations of Interest

6/21

There were no declarations of interest.

GLC Exclusion of the Public

7/21

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

GLC Private Hire Driver Application – 141588

8/21

Members were asked to consider a report and determine what action to take in relation to an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence from Applicant - Ref 141588 who had previously had an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence refused by this Committee.

Applicant - Ref 141588 attended the meeting and made representations in support of his application.

Committee papers and reports had been provided to all relevant parties prior to the meeting.

The report detailed the following:

-A copy of Applicant – Ref 141588’s application form and DVLA Certificate showing 3 live penalty points.

-A copy of a written submission detailing why Applicant – Ref 141588 felt the Licensing Committee should grant him a Private Hire Driver Licence.

-A copy of a Licensing Committee minute extract OLC 22/17 and Committee decision letter from the meeting held on 18th July 2017, detailing the grounds

that Applicant – Ref 141588 was not considered to be a fit and proper person at that time.

The Committee had regard to all the evidence detailed within the Committee report and the oral submissions made by Applicant – Ref 141588.

Applicant – Ref 141588 informed the Committee that he was now older and settled and provided assurances to the Committee that he would not be the subject of any complaints in the future should his licence be granted.

The Committee raised questions to confirm Applicant – Ref 141588's age when he had committed his last offence. Applicant – Ref 141588 confirmed he was 22 years of age at that time.

Clarity was sought as to whether Applicant – Ref 141588 had any further DVLA points since making his recent application for a Private Hire Driver Licence, and whether he was aware of any pending proceedings for driving or other offences. Applicant – Ref 141588 confirmed that he did not.

After considering all the evidence, the Committee were satisfied that Applicant – Ref 141588 was a fit and proper person and agreed to grant his Private Hire Driver Licence.

RESOLVED that Applicant – Ref 141588 be granted a Private Hire Driver Licence for the reasons as detailed above.