

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of General Licensing Committee was held on Thursday 20 June 2024.

Present: Cllr Eileen Johnson (Chair), Cllr Mick Moore (Vice-Chair), Cllr Diane Clarke OBE, Cllr Robert Cook, Cllr John Coulson, Cllr Jason French, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Susan Scott, Cllr Marilyn Surtees and Cllr Hilary Vickers.

Officers: John Devine, Natalie Hodgson and Elliott Beevers.

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Clare Besford, Cllr Andrew Sherris and Cllr Hugo Stratton.

GLC/7/24 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

GLC/8/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

GLC/9/24 Exclusion of the Public

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/10/24 Private Hire Driver Application – 157225

Members were asked to consider a Private Hire Driver application from Applicant – 157225 who had relevant convictions and did not meet current transport policy.

Applicant – 157225 did not attend the meeting due to illness which he had confirmed to Licensing Officers, however, was happy for the application to be heard in his absence.

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

The report detailed the following:

. A copy of Applicant – 157225's application which contained a DVLA check code, showing one live DVLA endorsement for a speeding offence.

. A copy of a summary transcript of an interview with Applicant – 157225 and Licensing Officers.

The Committee Members were presented with the report by the Licensing Officer and were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Following much debate Members agreed that they would prefer the hearing to be in the presence of Applicant 157225.

A motion was proposed and seconded that the item be deferred to a future meeting of the General Licensing Committee to allow Applicant – 157225 to attend giving Members the opportunity to ask relevant questions prior to determining the application.

A vote took place, and the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that the Private Hire Driver Application for Applicant – 157225 be deferred for the reasons as detailed above.