

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held via a Virtual Meeting - Online. on Wednesday, 10 June 2020

PRESENT: Councillor S J Criswell, – Chairman.

Councillors J R Clarke, Mrs A Dickinson and
Mrs P A Jordan.

36 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 25th September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37 MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

38 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to individuals and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

39 LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee's Procedure was received and noted.

40 CONVICTIONS GUIDANCE

The Council's Guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions was received and noted.

41 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE

(The driver was in attendance by telephone).

With the assistance of a report by the Operational Business Manager (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered the case of Mr MA whose case had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration.

Copies of the applicant's checks undertaken by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) were provided to the Sub-Committee as part of the committee report and following an introduction by the Licensing Manager, the Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this case.

Mr MA was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee and in doing so took the opportunity to explain the circumstances surrounding his previous motoring conviction and his reasons for failing to declare this to the Licensing Authority. Following questions from Members he then left the meeting to enable Members to make their determination.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the application, the information within the committee report, the contents of the DVLA checks together with the submission made by the applicant. The Sub-Committee also took into account the District Council's guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions, the District Council's Schedule of Conditions of licence, the legislative and policy provisions, statutory guidance and advice from their legal representative.

Whereupon and having taken the view that Mr MA had made some enquiries to ensure that he was covered by the policy of insurance for the vehicle at the time of the offence and that it appeared that he was unaware of the DVLA penalty points until he was advised of their existence by the Licensing Team, it was

RESOLVED

that the application for renewal be granted.

Chairman