

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER / STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 22 October 2024

PRESENT: Councillor N Wells – Chair.

Councillors B S Banks, J Clarke and S A Howell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Stranbridge

7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22nd July 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8 MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

9 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.

10 LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

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

11 CONVICTIONS GUIDANCE

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

12 REVIEW OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE AND A REVIEW OF A DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE

(Mr A Stranbridge in attendance from 2.27pm – 2.31pm)

With the assistance of a report by the Licensing Team (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered a renewal application from Mr MA whose application had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration. In conjunction with

this, Members were also asked to review Mr MA's fit and proper status to retain a dual driver's license.

Copies of relevant documentation in relation to the applicant's vehicle inspection checks were provided to the Sub-Committee and Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this application following a presentation by the Licensing Officer.

Mr MA was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee and in doing so took the opportunity to explain further information in relation to the vehicle inspections and repairs to his vehicle.

Members received further clarification from Mr A Stanbridge in relation to the vehicle inspections and advice provided to Mr MA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2.37pm and resumed at 2.42pm.

Following questions from Members Mr MA 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 vehicle inspection checks and receipts 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, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

that the vehicle licence be refused and the dual driver's licence be revoked with immediate effect.

Chair