

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB-GROUP held in the Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 10 February 2011.

PRESENT: Councillor J T Bell – Chairman.

Councillors R S Farrer, Mrs P A Jordan and Mrs P E Shrapnel

37. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Sub-Group held on 16th and 22nd December 2010 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

38. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

39. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the 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.

40. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

(a) New Application

The Sub-Group was acquainted with Appendix C of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book), containing details of an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence for a person who did not meet the Council's published criteria to hold such a licence. The applicant appeared before the Sub-Group to explain the circumstances as to why he considered he should be granted a licence.

Having considered the issues involved and the

representations made by the applicant who had also provided a Certificate of Good Conduct, the Sub-Group

RESOLVED

that the application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence be granted and verification of the document be sought from the Pakistani authorities.

(b) New Application

(The applicant was accompanied by her support worker and a character witness)

The Sub-Group was acquainted with Appendix D of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) containing details of an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence from a person who did not meet the Council's established criteria to hold such a licence. The applicant who appeared before the Sub-Group accompanied by her support worker and a character witness, read a statement to explain the circumstances as to why she should be granted a licence. Having been made aware of the circumstances involved, the Sub-Group

RESOLVED

the application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence be granted.

41. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - EXISTING LICENCE HOLDER

Consideration was given to Appendix E of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) containing details relating to an existing licensed private hire operator. The operator appeared before the Sub-Group and was invited to explain his reason for operating an unlicensed private hire vehicle.

Having considered the issues involved and having been satisfied by the assurances given by the operator that improved procedures had been instigated, the Sub-Group

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken in this respect, but the operator be warned that repetition of such an offence may result in the removal of his operators' licence.

42. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - EXISTING LICENCE HOLDER

(The driver was accompanied by his employer)

The Sub-Group was acquainted with Appendix F of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) in relation to an existing hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence. The driver appeared before the Sub-Group and he was invited to explain his reason for breaching licence condition 18(1) by failing to ensure that his vehicle was licensed in accordance with the Council's regulations. Following questions raised by the Sub-Group, the applicant left the meeting.

Having considered the issues involved and having been satisfied that improved procedures had been put in place by the individual's employer, the Sub Group

RESOLVED

that no further action be taken with regard to the hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence held by the individual, however the driver be advised to ensure that in future the vehicle is licensed in accordance with the Council's regulations before commencement of duty.

43. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - NEW APPLICATION

The Sub-Group was acquainted with Appendix B of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) containing details of an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence from a person who did not meet the Council's published criteria to hold such a licence.

As the individual referred to was not in attendance, it was

RESOLVED

that consideration of the application be deferred.

Chairman