

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in Managing Director's Meeting Room, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Thursday, 14 July 2016.

PRESENT: Councillor R Fuller – Chairman.

Councillors Mrs S Conboy, D J Mead and R J West.

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee held on 28th June 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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 noted.

12. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING - RENEWAL OF EXPIRED HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES HC23, HC25 AND HC21

(The applicant was accompanied by his legal representative).

With the assistance of a report by the Head of Community (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book), the Sub-Committee considered an application from Mr MI in respect of an expired Hackney Carriage (HC) licence. In so doing, the Council's Legal Representative, Mr P Weller, drew Members attention to two additional applications in respect of two further expired Hackney Carriage licences associated with Mr MI. In agreement with all parties present, including Mr MI's Legal Representative, the Sub-Committee considered the additional two expired Hackney

Carriage licences HC25 and HC21 with HC23. (Copies of the reports are appended in the Annex to the Minute Book).

Mr MI and his Legal Representative were given the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee and to respond to the issues which had been raised within the reports and the circumstances surrounding Mr MI's failure to renew his Hackney Carriage licences. Following a number of questions from Sub-Committee Members, Mr MI and his Legal Representative left the meeting.

At 11.36am, the Sub-Committee re-convened to enable Members to seek further clarification from the Licensing Manager on the timings of the expiry of the licences to assist them with their deliberations, whereby the Licensing Manager detailed the background to the differences with renewal dates. Following which, Mr MI and his Legal Representative again left the meeting.

Following careful consideration of the contents of the Sub-Committee reports, the submissions made by the applicant and his Legal Representative and their responses to Members questions, the Sub-Committee also took into account the Council's guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Drivers Schedule of Conditions of Licence, the legislative provisions and the options which were available to them. Whereupon, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

that Hackney Carriage licences HC23, HC25 and HC21 be renewed on the basis that the medical information provided in respect of his son was a significant factor in Mr MI's ability to operate his business at that time.

Chairman