



REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE

14:35 to 15:25

8 February 2016

Present: Councillors Button (chair), Henderson, Thomas (Vi) and Woollard

Apologies: Councillor Schmierer

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Exclusion of public

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of items *3 to *4 below on the grounds contained in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

***3. Application for grant of a 3 month private hire drivers licence reference 15/02226/PHD3 (paragraphs 1 & 3)**

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item. The applicant produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee and confirmed that he had no further convictions pending.)

The licensing manager presented the report.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding the convictions on 8 February 2013, 1 July 2014 and 11 July 2014 all for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road.

The applicant explained that he wanted to work as a private hire driver in Norwich to build up his knowledge before possibly applying for a Hackney carriage licence.

(The applicant and the licensing manager left the meeting at this point).

RESOLVED:-

- 1) on the chair's casting vote, with Councillors Henderson and Button voting for and Thomas and Woollard voting against, to grant the private hire driver's licence in accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, in respect of this application; and
- 2) to ask the licensing manager to write to the applicant confirming that the grant of this licence was not a unanimous decision.

(The applicant and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The applicant then left the meeting.)

***4. Suspension/revocation of Norwich city council private hire drivers licence No. 15/01078/PHDRIV (paragraphs 1 & 3)**

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item. The applicant produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee.)

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his convictions on 7 April 2014 and 11 July 2014 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road and 4 July 2015 and 29 July 2015 for exceeding 30 mph on a restricted road.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to revoke licence number 15/01078/PHDRIV with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety.

The legal representative informed the applicant that the committee had carefully considered all of the documentation and the applicant's testimony. The members had concerns regarding the number of speeding convictions and that some of these had taken place with passengers in the vehicle. Two of these speeding offences had been committed in a very short period of time following an appearance at committee for previous speeding offences. The applicant had also said that a lack of concentration and momentum of the vehicle when driving downhill had contributed to these offences and members thought that as a professional driver, this was unacceptable.

The legal advisor informed the applicant that he would receive written notification of the committee's decision and that he had the right to appeal against the decision at the Magistrates' Court within twenty-one days of the date of this meeting.

The applicant then left the meeting.

CHAIR