NORWICH City Council

Minutes

REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE

2.05pm – 3.00pm **21 May 2012**

Present: Councillors Driver (chair), Haynes, Henderson and Kendrick

Apologies: Councillor Sands (M)

1. APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO PLACE TABLES AND CHAIRS ON THE HIGHWAY – GROUND 2 GUILDHALL HILL NORWICH NR2 1JH

(The applicant and the council's network highways manager attended the meeting for this item).

The licensing manager presented the report. The network highways manager informed members that having re-visited the site he had withdrawn his objection to the application. The applicant commented on the background to the application and responded to members' questions

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED unanimously to approve the application for the grant of a licence to place tables and chairs on the highway submitted in respect of Ground 2 Guildhall Hill, Norwich, NR2 1JH, subject to the council's standard conditions for tables and chairs licences and the following additional conditions:

a) the proposed 1.5m deep seating area outside the venue must not encroach further than 1.2m from the 'gully' on Guildhall Hill; and

b) the barrier screen placed around the licensed area must include a 'tapping rail' for easy identification for blind or partially sighted pedestrians who use a stick.

(The applicant, network highways manager and licensing manager were readmitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above).

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

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

***3. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. 12/00578/PHDRIV**

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

The licensing manager presented the report. In reply to a question the applicant said that he had not received any further convictions or formal cautions and was not aware of any pending prosecutions since he had completed his application form. He then answered detailed questions about the circumstances of his convictions on 19 March 2011, 7 October 2011, 7 August 2008 and 14 September 2008 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road. He also explained the reasons why he had failed to notify the council of his convictions in 2011.

(The applicant, his legal representative and the licensing manager left the meeting at this point).

Following a discussion it was -

RESOLVED unanimously to renew the Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence in respect of this application.

(The applicant, his legal representative and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The chair advised that the committee had the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the licence in the future if his conduct was not up to the standard expected of a licence holder).

***3. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. 12/00459/PHDRIV**

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item. He confirmed that he had been informed of his right to be legally represented at the meeting but had chosen not to be. He produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee).

The licensing manager presented the report. In reply to a question the applicant said that he had not received any further convictions or formal cautions and was not aware of any pending prosecutions since he had completed his application form. He then answered detailed questions about the circumstances of his convictions on 24 September 2011 and 27 May 2010 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road. He also explained the reasons why he had failed to notify the council of his conviction on 24 September 2011.

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

Following a discussion it was -

RESOLVED unanimously to renew the Private Hire Vehicle driver's licence in respect of this application.

(The applicant and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The chair advised that the committee had the power to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the licence in the future if his conduct was not up to the standard expected of a licence holder. The applicant was advised that the 'green book' should remain within the vehicle whilst in use for private hire).

CHAIR