NORWICH City Council

Minutes

REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE

14:30 to 15:15 **15 September 2014**

Present: Councillors Button (chair), Barker, Henderson and Price

Apologies: Councillor Gihawi

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 4 to 9 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.

*4. Application for renewal of hackney carriage driver's licence case no 14-01253HACKD (paras 1 & 3)

(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. He also confirmed that since the application form was completed, he had received no further convictions or cautions and that he had no matters pending.)

The licensing manager presented the report.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his convictions on 16 November 2013, 28 January 2012 and 23 November 2012. He said that if he felt fatigued he would stop driving and respected the concerns of the committee. The applicant said that he could not remember why he contacted the licensing department with details of his convictions outside of the 7 days, failing to comply with conditions attached to his licence. The applicant said that the convictions had led to increased insurance premiums and this meant that he was mindful of his speed.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, to renew the hackney carriage driver's licence in accordance with Section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, 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 reminded the applicant to read his green book and to adhere to the speed limits. The applicant left the meeting.)

***5. Suspension / revocation of Norwich City Council hackney carriage driver's licence case no 14-00432HACKD (paras 1 & 3)**

(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. He also confirmed that since the application form was completed, he had received no further convictions or cautions and that he had no matters pending.)

The licensing manager presented the report.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his convictions on 21 and 24 March 2013. He said that he had started to use a speed inhibitor on his vehicle but had it set incorrectly, resulting in him going over the 70mph speed limit. He consulted the manufacturer and was instead using the overdrive function on his vehicle to ensure he was not speeding. He confirmed that he did not have to attend court for either of these convictions and had paid a fine.

He said that he had not informed the licensing department of his speeding convictions as he had thought that only criminal convictions had to be declared.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, to take no further action.

(The applicant and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The chair advised that the applicant obtain a new green book and read it carefully. The applicant then left the meeting)

CHAIR