

Minutes

REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE

14:35 to 16:10

9 February 2015

Present: Councillors Button (chair), Ackroyd, Gayton, Price and Woollard

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 5 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 3 month private hire drivers licence application reference 14/PHD3 (paras 1 & 3)

(The chair agreed to take this item first. 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 motoring convictions on 13 January 2009 for using a vehicle uninsured against third party risks, 24 September 2011 and 20 December 2011, both for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, 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.

(The applicant and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The chair reminded the applicant that maintenance of his vehicle was his responsibility and asked that he read his green book carefully. The applicant left the meeting.)

*4. Application for grant of a 3 month private hire drivers licence application reference 14/2306/PHD3 (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. He said that the applicant's offences on 29 February 2000 and 6 October 2008 for handling stolen goods (receiving) had been considered by a previous committee as the applicant had held a taxi licence for a number of years.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his conviction on 3 September 2010 for encouraging or assisting offences believing one or more will be committed and for his motoring convictions on 12 August 2010 and 25 March 2011 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road. He then answered member's questions.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, 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.

(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 the green book carefully and to report any suspicious activity to the police. The applicant then left the meeting)

*5. Application for grant of Hackney carriage drivers licence application reference 14/01899/HACKD (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 7 April 2011 and 22 August 2012 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, to grant 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 be aware of his speed. The applicant left the meeting.)

*6. Suspension / revocation of Norwich City Council Hackney carriage drivers licence application reference 14/01837/HACKD (paras 1 & 3)

(The applicant attended the meeting for this item and was accompanied by his wife. 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.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his convictions on 18 February 2013 and 26 July 2013 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road. He confirmed that he was not carrying a fare on either occasion. He said that he had a speed notification feature on his Satnav which he was using.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, to take no further action.

(The applicant, his wife and the licensing manager were admitted to the meeting and informed of the decision minuted above. The chair said that members were pleased with the measures he had taken regarding speed awareness. The applicant left the meeting.)

*7. Suspension / revocation of Norwich City Council private hire drivers licence application reference 14/01570/PHDRIV (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.)

The licensing manager presented the report.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his conviction on 19 November 2014 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road. The applicant explained that he had tried to notify the council of his conviction within 7 days but had been given an incorrect email address. He followed this up as soon as he realised but was outside of the 7 day notification period.

(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 reminded him to be mindful of his speed. The applicant left the meeting.)

*8. Application for renewal of a hackney carriage drivers licence reference 14/02543/HACKD (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.)

The licensing manager presented the report.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his conviction on 4 September 2013 for battery and resisting or obstructing a police constable. He explained that he was not working as a taxi driver on the night of the conviction.

(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 applicant left the meeting.)

CHAIR