

Minutes

REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE

14:30 to 15:55 12 October 2015

Present: Councillors Button (chair), Henderson (substitute for Price), Maxwell

and Ryan

Apologies: Councillor Ackroyd

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 *6 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. Suspension/revocation of Norwich City Council hackney carriage drivers licence No. 12/00946/HACKD (paragraphs 1 & 3)

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

The licensing manager presented the report.

The applicant's solicitor explained the circumstances surrounding his conviction on 26 August 2015 for assault. A reference from the applicant's employer was presented to the committee. The applicant answered member's questions.

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

RESOLVED, unanimously, to take no further action.

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

*4. Application for renewal of a private hire drivers licence case number 15/01823/PHDRIV (paragraphs 1 & 3)

The licensing manager advised the committee that the applicant was not required to attend the meeting as he had been found not guilty of the alleged offence set out in the report. A letter from the applicant's solicitor had been received to confirm the verdict.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to take no action.

*5. Application for renewal of a private hire drivers licence reference 15/00398/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. He reminded the members that three of the convictions on the applicant's licence had been considered at a previous regulatory subcommittee meeting.

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding his convictions on 5 December 2014 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road, on 4 June 2014 for common assault.

The licensing manager produced copies of the police report of an enforcement check on the applicant's vehicle on 11 September 2015 for members to consider. The applicant was also given a copy.

The applicant answered member's questions on the enforcement check report and the convictions.

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

Following discussion it was:-

RESOLVED, unanimously, to renew 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 his green book carefully and not to be complacent. The applicant left the meeting.)

*6. Application for grant of a 3 month private hire drivers licence reference 15/01578/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.)

The licensing manager presented the report. He said that the DVLA report showed slight amendment to the convictions set out in the report and that they should read as below:

14 July 2014 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road

17 June 2014 for exceeding the goods vehicle speed limit on a public road; and

10 January 2013 for exceeding the statutory speed limit on a public road

The applicant explained the circumstances surrounding the above convictions and 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 be mindful of his speed at all times.)

CHAIR