

Minutes

Regulatory Subcommittee

14:15 to 15:45

9 December 2019

Present: Councillors Stutely (chair), Brociek-Coulton, Fulton-McAlister (E), Grahame and Neale (substitute for Schmierer)

Apologies: Councillor Schmierer

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

*2. Exclusion of the 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 renewal of a private hire drivers licence: case numbers 19/01874/PHDRIV

The licensing assistant advised that the application had written to and requested that his application be defer to a later committee meeting as he was out of the country.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to defer renewal of a private hire drivers licence: case numbers 19/01874/PHDRIV to a later meeting of regulatory subcommittee.

*4. Application for renewal of a hackney carriage drivers licence – application ref: 19/01107/HACKD

(The applicant and the licensing assistant were admitted to the meeting. The applicant produced his DVLA licence for inspection by the committee. A copy of the report was provided to the applicant at the meeting.)

The applicant explained the circumstances of the convictions against him and answered member's questions. He understood he was able to seek legal representation and have a representative attend with him. The applicant advised he had a pending matter outstanding which he disputed.

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

The subcommittee considered the circumstances surrounding the conviction against the applicant. The committee were concerned regarding the outstanding matter declared by the applicant and to whether this would result in a conviction against him. The committee had reviewed the evidence and did not speculate on information they did not have.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to:

- (1) renew temporarily for a period of three months hackney carriage drivers licence application ref: 19/01107/HACKD;
- (2) ask the licensing assistant at the end of the three month period to check the applicant's convictions and if no further convictions were found to renew temporarily for a period of three months hackney carriage drivers licence – application ref: 19/01107/HACKD;
- (3) ask the licensing assistant at the end of a further three month period to check the applicant's convictions and if no further convictions were found to renew hackney carriage drivers licence – application ref: 19/01107/HACKD for two and a half years at no extra fee to the applicant if no convictions were found; and
- (4) ask the licensing assistant to write to the applicant and advise of the obligation to report convictions to the council as licensing authority.

(The applicant and the licensing assistant were admitted to the meeting. The chair informed the applicant of the subcommittee's decision and listed the reasons for this decision as minuted above. The legal advisor advised the applicant that he would receive written notification of the subcommittee's decision. The applicant and the licensing assistant then left the meeting.)

*5. Application for renewal of a private hire drivers licence: case numbers 19/01617/PHDRIV

(The applicant and the licensing assistant were admitted to the meeting.)

The applicant requested that his application be deferred to the next meeting of regulatory subcommittee. He had been advised to attend the meeting at 14:00 and had not expected to wait for an hour and a half before coming in front of committee. He had not been advised how long the matter would take and had a prior commitment.

RESOLVED, unanimously, to:

- defer the application for renewal of a private hire drivers licence: case numbers 19/01617/PHDRIV to another meeting of regulatory subcommittee; and
- (2) to ask the licensing assistant to advise applicants attending regulatory subcommittee of an approximate time committee will hear their application and to advise applicants that the committee can last to 17:00.

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

CHAIR