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LICENSING PANEL

Thursday, 13 December 2018

Present: Councillor A Hodson

Deputies Councillors A Jones (for C Meaden)
S Williams (for D Burgess-Joyce)
G Wood (for P Stuart)

80 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved - That; In the absence of the Chair, Councillor A Hodson be appointed Chair for this meeting.

81 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Panel were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

82 EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

83 HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCE (TCR)

The Corporate Director for Business Management reported upon an application received by Mr TCR for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. Mr TCR attended the meeting and made representations in respect of his application.

Members considered the representations made by Mr TCR.

Members gave due consideration to Mr TCR's representations and exercised their right to consider each case on its individual merits in light of the representations made.

Resolved – That Mr TCR's application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be approved.

84 **PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (BDJ)**

The Corporate Director for Business Management reported upon an application received by Mr BDJ for the grant of a Private Hire Driver Licence. Mr BDJ could not attend the meeting.

Resolved – That Mr BDJ be invited to attend a future meeting of Licensing Panel should he wish to pursue his application.

85 **PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCES (MDH)**

The Corporate Director for Business Management reported upon an application received by Mr MDH for the grant of a Private Hire and a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. Mr MDH and his legal representative attended the meeting and made representations in respect of his application.

Members considered the representations made by Mr MDH and his legal advisor.

Members gave due consideration to the representations made and exercised their right to consider each case on its individual merits in light of representations made.

Resolved – That Mr MDH’s application for the grant of a Private Hire and a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence be approved.

86 **PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCES (MDMA)**

The Corporate Director for Business Management submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr MDMA should continue to hold Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licences. Mr MDMA and his legal representative attended and made representations in respect of this report.

Members considered carefully the representations and explanations given by Mr MDMA, however they did not consider he was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licences.

In coming to their determination the Panel applied the principle of proportionality enshrined within the Human Rights Act 1998. In doing so, Members felt the protection and safety of the public was of paramount concern.

Resolved – That Mr MDMA’s Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licences be revoked with immediate effect.

87 **PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE (AA)**

The Corporate Director for Business Management submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr AA should continue to hold a Private Hire Driver Licence.

Mr AA did not attend the meeting.

Resolved – That Mr AA be instructed to attend the next meeting of the Licensing Panel and be advised that the matter may be considered in his absence should he fail to attend.

88 **PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCES (RJJL)**

The Corporate Director for Business Management submitted a report for Members to consider whether Mr RJJL should continue to hold Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licenses. Mr RJJL attended the meeting and made representations.

Members gave due consideration to Mr RJJL's representations and exercised their rights to consider each case on its individual merits in light of the representations made.

Resolved – That Mr RJJL be allowed to continue to hold a Private Hire and a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

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