

## **Public Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 21 April 2021 at 7.00 pm**

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**Present:** Councillors Ben Maney (Chair), Steve Liddiard and Fraser Massey

**In attendance:** Applicant Minute Number 27  
Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer  
Laura Manning, Licensing Officer  
Lois Bland, Legal Representative  
Kenna-Victoria Healey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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### **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Members of the Sub-Committee agreed that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 (Information relating to any individual) of Schedule 12A of that Act.

#### **25. Items of Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### **26. Declarations of Interests**

Councillor Massey commented that he knew of the applicant, however before he received the documentation he did not know any of the details included within the report. He therefore felt he could sit on the panel with an open mind and that this would not impede his judgment in making a decision.

There were no other declarations of interest.

#### **27. Determination Of A New Private Hire Driver Licence Application**

The Chair asked all parties if they had any requests, and it was noted that there were no requests.

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to Members of the Sub-Committee informing them, the report was for the Determination of a Private Hire Driver renewal application.

Members and the applicant were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officer.

The applicant was then provided with the opportunity to present her case.

Members and the Licensing Officer were given an opportunity to ask questions to the applicant.

The Chair then moved on to closing summaries.

The Licensing Officer provided a short summary to the Sub-Committee. She stated it was for the Sub-Committee to decide whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a private hire drivers licence, and if they decide she is, then they must also decide if there are exceptional circumstances to depart from the usual application procedure for new drivers and not require the new medical form to be submitted.

The applicant was asked to present a summary of her case to Members; during which she specified she had completed a medical for another licence, which was required by law. She continued by saying she understood there was a process to follow and would undertake another medical if it was required, she just didn't want have to pay out again when she had the medical required which was still in date.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions, there were none. The Sub-Committee adjourned at 7.17pm for deliberation and were accompanied by the Legal Advisor and the Democratic Services Officer.

The meeting reconvened at 7.29pm.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Sub-Committee agreed to grant the Private Hire Driver's licence; without the need for a new DVLA Group 2 medical.**

**The meeting finished at 7.34 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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