

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE,
HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY, 31 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT: Mr A J Ward - Chairman
Mr M J Deacon Mr D G Grutchfield

In attendance to make representations were:-

Mr L Carvell – Corporate Manager - Licensing
The Applicant

The following were in attendance at the hearing:-

Mrs E Thornton – Corporate Manager – Legal (Legal Adviser to the Committee)
Mrs L Sheppard – Senior Governance Support Officer

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

RESOLVED

That pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during this item it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against the item.

The Committee was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

4 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A COMBINED HACKNEY
CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (Exempt information by virtue of
Paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1)

The Chairman of the Committee referred to the Procedure to be followed at the hearing, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda.

The Corporate Manager – Licensing presented a report ([Paper N103](#)) submitted by the Head of Environment asking Members to determine whether the person referred to in the report is a fit and proper person to be granted the licence applied for.

The Applicant then addressed the Committee, and responded to questions from Members and the Corporate Manager – Licensing. Both parties were offered the opportunity to make a closing address to the Committee, following which they withdrew from the meeting to enable the Committee to deliberate the application.

Members in considering whether the Applicant was a fit and proper person took into account all the information available to them, together with the explanations offered by the Applicant in relation to the issues raised in Paper N103. They also had regard to the period which had elapsed since the Applicant had been driving on a regular basis.

The parties were then called back into the meeting and the decision of the Committee (which was unanimous) was notified as follows:-

Members considered the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to be granted a Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Licence subject to producing a DSA (Driving Standards Agency) taxi and private hire driver assessment pass certificate to the Licensing Officer. The Applicant was also reminded of the relevant conditions which would be attached to any licence issued to him in relation to his obligations to disclose certain information to the Licensing Authority, obligations which must also be observed in the interim period prior to a licence being issued.

RESOLVED

That the Applicant referred to in Paper N103 be granted a Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence, subject to the provision to the Licensing Team of an original Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Assessment test pass certificate.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.15 a.m.

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Chairman