

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

held in the Committee Room Two, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon
at 9:00am on Tuesday 15 January 2019

PRESENT

Councillors: Norman MacRae MBE (Chairman), Steve Good (Vice-Chairman)
Dave Jackson, Ed James and G Saul

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

There were no apologies for absence or temporary appointments.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers relating to matters to be considered at the meeting.

17. PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC

No submissions were received from the public in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

18. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee being of the opinion that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during the following item of business there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)), the public be excluded from the meeting.

19. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee received and considered the report of the Group Manager of Professional Services regarding an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Council's Licensing Officer presented the report and explained that, as the applicant had allowed the vehicle's licence to lapse, the application was treated as a new application rather than a renewal. The age of the vehicle was such that it failed to comply with the Council's age restriction policy regarding new licences and the applicant had requested that the Council makes an exception and re-licence the vehicle.

The applicant was then interviewed by the Sub-Committee and presented his case for the grant of a licence.

The Sub-Committee then withdrew to determine the application. Having considered the report and the evidence given by the applicant, the Sub-Committee:-

RESOLVED: That, in view of the evidence submitted by the applicant, a Hackney Carriage Licence be issued.

The public was then readmitted to the meeting. In advising the applicant of the decision, the Chairman emphasised that it was his responsibility to ensure that an application for the renewal of a licence was submitted in good time and that it was unlikely that a similar lapse would be treated as leniently in future.

20. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee received and considered the report of the Group Manager of Professional Services regarding an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The Council's Licensing Officer presented the report and explained that, as the applicant had allowed the vehicle's licence to lapse, the application was treated as a new application rather than a renewal. The age of the vehicle was such that it failed to comply with the Council's age restriction policy regarding new licences and the applicant had requested that the Council makes an exception and re-licence the vehicle.

The applicant was then interviewed by the Sub-Committee and presented his case for the grant of a licence.

The Sub-Committee then withdrew to determine the application. Having considered the report and the evidence given by the applicant, the Sub-Committee:-

RESOLVED: That, in view of the evidence submitted by the applicant, a Private Hire Vehicle Licence be issued.

The public was then readmitted to the meeting. In advising the applicant of the decision, the Chairman emphasised that it was his responsibility to ensure that an application for the renewal of a licence was submitted in good time and that it was unlikely that a similar lapse would be treated as leniently in future.

The meeting closed at 9:15am

CHAIRMAN