

30 MAY 2008

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 30 May 2008.

Councillors:

p G C Beck
p L R Puttock

Councillors:

p Mrs B Smith

Officers Attending

Miss G O'Rourke, M Powell and Ms M Stephens.

Also Attending:

Both Applicants (Report A).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Beck be elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee for this meeting.

(Cllr Beck in the Chair).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with any agenda items.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

RESOLVED:

That, under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it(they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 of Part 7 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

4. TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE AND THE RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE (REPORT A).

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence and an application for renewal of a Private Hire Operators Licence.

In light of the seriousness of the cases, the Council's Head of Legal advised the Applicants that the Sub-Committee would be mindful to defer the hearing in order to allow them the opportunity to seek professional legal advice and assistance. However, both Applicants confirmed that they did not require legal advice and wished to proceed with the hearing without legal representation.

The CCTV and Licensing Manager and both the Applicants presented their respective cases and responded to Members' questions.

The CCTV and Licensing Manager and the Applicants then withdrew, while the Sub-Committee deliberated the matter.

In coming to their decision, the Sub-Committee considered all the evidence contained in the papers and presented on the day.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the application for renewal for an Operators Licence be refused and that the applicant's Private Hire Drivers Licence be revoked;
- (b) That the application for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence be refused; and
- (c) That the General Purposes and Licensing Committee be recommended to review the process and mechanism for accurately managing and maintaining Private Operators' book keeping.

CHAIRMAN

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