

LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 4 October 2017 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer at 10.00 am.

Sub-Committee Mr S Shaw (Chairman)
Mr P Butikofer
Mr N Coppack

Officers in Attendance: Public Protection Manager Legal Advisor and Committee Officer (Regulatory)

1 APOLOGIES

None.

2 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under 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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.

5 Application for a Licence to Drive Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicles in North Norfolk (WK/170027658)

Present: Applicant and Applicant's Husband

The Members of the Sub-Committee and Officers introduced themselves.

The Legal Advisor outlined the purpose of the hearing and explained the procedure for the meeting.

The Public Protection Manager presented the report. The applicant had applied for a licence to drive hackney carriage or private hire vehicles in North Norfolk. There was an endorsement on her DVLA driving licence which required consideration by the Committee.

The applicant's husband presented the case on behalf of the applicant as her driving offence had occurred as a result of his mistake. He explained that the insurance on the family car had been due for renewal at the time of a house move and he had forgotten to inform the insurance company of the change of address. The renewal documents were sent to the former address and the new tenants had sent them back to the insurance company, which had

automatically cancelled the insurance. This had resulted in his wife unknowingly driving the car without insurance.

The applicant's husband answered Members' questions. The applicant had tried to challenge the penalty but without success. The car had been uninsured for approximately a week and he had renewed it as soon as possible after his wife was stopped and they found out it was uninsured.

There were no further questions.

In closing, the applicant's husband stated that his wife would bring her care experience into the taxi company which would be useful for older clients.

The Sub-Committee retired at 10.12 am and returned at 10.32 am.

RESOLVED

That the licence be granted.

6 Breach of licensing conditions relating to a Licence to Drive Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicles in North Norfolk (WK/170026636)

The Defendant was not present.

The Legal Advisor stated that as the Defendant was not present, the Public Protection Manager should present the report and the Sub-Committee could then decide whether to adjourn or determine this matter in the Defendant's absence.

The Public Protection Manager explained that numerous attempts had been made to contact the Defendant. A letter had been sent by recorded delivery to his last known address but this had been returned as 'addressee gone away'. Attempts had also been made to contact him on his mobile number and email address. Information had recently been received that he was currently working at a local pub and messages had been left asking him to contact the office but he had not done so. She was satisfied that he was aware of the hearing. He was no longer working for the taxi company he had been employed by and she believed he was not currently working as a taxi driver.

The Public Protection Manager presented the report.

The Sub-Committee agreed to proceed with the hearing in the Defendant's absence. Having heard the evidence, it was

RESOLVED

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am

Chairman