

LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 1 November 2017 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer at 10.00 am.

Sub-Committee Mrs A Claussen-Reynolds (Chairman)
Mrs P Grove-Jones
Mrs V Uprichard

Officers in Attendance: Public Protection Manager, Legal Advisor and
Committee Officer (Regulatory)
Environmental Health Administrative Officer (observing)

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/170030303)

Present: Applicant and Applicant's Son

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

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 were matters on his DBS report which required consideration by the Committee. She informed the Committee that the applicant currently held a taxi licence with another Authority, which he would surrender if granted a licence by NNDC as he had moved from that area.

The Chairman referred to section 5.2 of the application form which showed the applicant's DVLA licence as expiring in September 2017. The applicant explained that the photograph on his DVLA licence had expired shortly after applying for a taxi licence. His current DVLA licence was valid until 2026.

The Chairman invited the applicant to put his case.

The applicant stated that he had made several mistakes in the past. He explained the background to his offending which related to his experiences in military service, PTSD, bereavement and other family and financial issues. He gave details of the nature of the offences, and explained that the most recent conviction in 2000 actually related to offences which had occurred several years previously. He could not recall some of the offences. He had subsequently remarried and become a father, which had changed his life totally, and had not offended since.

The applicant said that being a taxi driver meant a lot to him. He had come to Norfolk regularly on holiday and loved it. He was now living here temporarily in rented accommodation. He wanted to move permanently, but there would be no point in doing so if he did not have a job.

The Public Protection Manager stated that the offences were some time ago and the applicant had been working as a taxi driver for a year elsewhere.

The applicant did not wish to make a closing statement.

The Sub-Committee retired at 10.19 am and returned at 10.38 am.

RESOLVED

That the licence be granted.

The meeting closed at 10.45 am

Chairman