

LICENSING BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE
24th August, 2020

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley, Marriott, McNeely and Steele.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made at the meeting:-

Minute No. 73

Councillor McNeely declared a Personal Interest in Case B (Mr. A.W.) as he lived in the Ward she represented but did not know him personally.

Minute No. 75

Councillor Ellis declared a Personal Interest as Mr. T.S. was a representative of the taxi licensing trade.

Minute No.75

Councillor McNeely declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest as Mr. T.S. was known to her. She left the meeting when this item was discussed.

72. EXCLUSION OF THE 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

73. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report of the Licensing Manager, presented by the Assistant Director of Community Safety and Street Scene, relating to applications for the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver licences in respect of Mr. A.S. and Mr. L.W.

The Assistant Director explained that he had been contacted by the 2 drivers' representative and that both drivers had requested postponement of their cases. The Sub-Committee discussed the reasons presented for the requested postponements.

Resolved:- (1) That consideration of the review of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. A.S. be deferred and he be provided with the date of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee when his case would be considered and it made clear that his case would not be postponed again.

(2) That consideration of the review of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. L.W. be deferred and he be provided with the date of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee when his case would be considered and it made clear that his case would not be postponed again.

74. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE LIMIT

Further to Minute No. 69 of the meeting held on 17th August, 2020, consideration was given to the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix I to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy) as the vehicle had first been registered more than 5 years ago for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of vehicle with registration number SY08 xxx.

Resolved:- That the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy in respect of vehicle with registration SY08 xxx be refused.

75. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE REQUIREMENT

Further to Minute No. 70 of the meeting held on 17th August, 2020, consideration was given to the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix I to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy) as the vehicle had first been registered more than 5 years ago for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of vehicle with registration number FN63 xxx.

Resolved:- That the request for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy in respect of vehicle with registration FN63 xxx be approved for 8 months be approved for 8 months.

(Councillor McNeeley declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest as she knew the applicant and left the meeting when this item was discussed.)

(Councillor Ellis declared a Personal Interest as the applicant was a representative of the taxi licensing trade.)