

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING (MISCELLANEOUS) SUB-COMMITTEE B

MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2017, AT 10.35 A.M.

PRESENT: Councillors R. L. Dent (Chairman, in the Chair during Minute No's 14/17 to 18/17), C. J. Spencer (Vice-Chairman in the Chair during Minute No. 19/17), L. J. Turner and M. A. Sherrey (during Minute No. 19/17)

Observers: Councillor M. A. Sherrey (during Minute No's 14/17 to 18/17)

Officers: Mrs. V. Brown, Mrs. A. May, Mrs. P. Ross and Ms. D. Parker-Jones

14/17 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

Members agreed to alter the running order of the agenda.

15/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R. L. Dent declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Agenda Item Number 4. Councillor Dent had recognised the applicant when he had entered the meeting room. The applicant was a licensed driver with a local taxi company that she had used on a number of occasions.

Following legal advice, Councillor Dent withdrew from the Hearing during the consideration of this item and took no part in the Sub-Committee's consideration of this matter.

It was noted that Councillor C. J. Spencer, Vice-Chairman, was in the Chair and that Councillor M. A. Sherrey, who was in attendance, observing the Hearing as the Reserve Member, sat on the Sub-Committee during the consideration of this item.

16/17 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

"RESOLVED that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraphs of that part, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Minute No</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
17/17	1, 2 and 3

18//17	1, 2 and 3
19/17	1, 2 and 3 “

17/17

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - APPLICATION

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a licence to use a vehicle as a Hackney Carriage that fell outside of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook which restricted vehicles in the District with tinted windows that conceal the identity of passengers inside the vehicle.

The Technical Officer (Licensing), Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) outlined the details of the application together with the reasons why the application had been brought before the Sub-Committee, detailing the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the applicant and his representative put forward their case in support of the application and answered a number of questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and the Council's Legal Advisor.

Sub-Committee Members inspected the vehicle on two separate occasions, in two different locations to determine the level of tint on the windows of the vehicle.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned to consider its decision, upon its return it was:

RESOLVED that the application be granted.

18/17

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - RENEWAL APPLICATION - AGE EXEMPTION

The Sub-Committee considered an application made for exemption to the Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Policy that restricted the age of a wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriage Vehicle licensed in the District to twelve years of age from the date of first registration.

The Technical Officer (Licensing), Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) outlined the details of the application, together with the reasons why the application had been brought before the Sub-Committee, detailing the Council's Taxi Licensing Handbook.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the applicant put forward his case in support of his application and answered a number of questions from Members of the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned to consider its decision. Upon its return it was:-

RESOLVED that the application be granted.

19/17

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - APPLICATION

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The Technical Officer (Licensing), Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) outlined the details of the application together with the reasons why the application had been brought before the Sub-Committee, detailing the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the applicant put forward his case in support of his application and answered a number of questions from Members of the Sub-Committee and the Council's Legal Advisor.

Sub-Committee Members inspected the vehicle to determine the level of tint on the windows of the vehicle.

The Sub-Committee then adjourned to consider its decision, upon its return it was:

RESOLVED that the application be granted.

The meeting closed at 11.57 a.m.

Chairman