

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING (MISCELLANEOUS) SUB-COMMITTEE A

MONDAY, 22ND JULY 2019, AT 10.42 A.M.

PRESENT: Councillors H. J. Jones (Chairman), S. A. Hughes (during Minute No's 4/19 and 5/19), P. J. Whittaker (Vice-Chairman, during Minute No's 5/19, 6/19 and 7/19), and A. B. L. English (during Minute No's 4/19, 6/19 and 7/19)

Reserve Member: Councillor A.B.L. English (during Minute No 5/19)

Officers: Mrs. V. Brown, Mrs. A. May (during Minute No's 6/19 and 7/19), Mr. P. Morrish (during Minute No's 4/19 and 5/19) and Mrs. P. Ross

Prior to the commencement of the Hearing, the Chairman agreed to alter the running order of the agenda, as the Applicant had informed officers that he would not be in attendance for Agenda Items 4 and 5.

1/19 **APOLOGIES**

Any apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Glass with Councillor S.J. Hughes in attendance as the substitute member.

2/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P. J. Whittaker declared an Other Disclosable Interest in Agenda Item 6, Renewal application for a Private Hire Vehicle licence, in that he was aware of the Applicant's representative.

Councillor Whittaker withdrew from the meeting room prior to the Hearing commencing.

3/19 **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's</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
4/19	1, 2 and 3
5/19	1, 2 and 3
6/19	1, 2 and 3

7/19

1, 2 and 3“

4/19

RENEWAL APPLICATION - PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Sub-Committee considered a renewal application made for exemption to the Council's Private Hire Vehicle Licence Policy that restricts the age of a wheelchair accessible Private Hire 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 Page 21(h) of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the applicant put forward his case in support of the application. The applicant and his representative 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.

5/19

APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

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 Guidance Relating to the Relevance of Convictions and Cautions.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the applicant put forward his case in support of his application. The applicant 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 refused.

6/19

APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for exemption to the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook, as amended on 18th March 2019, whereby vehicles fitted with films, foils, privacy glass

(entirely black or reflective glass), or any other aftermarket tinting, would be referred to a meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

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.

It was noted that the applicant had requested that the application be heard in his absence.

Sub-Committee Members were unable to inspect the vehicle to determine if the privacy glass concealed the identity of passengers inside the vehicle.

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

RESOLVED that the application be refused.

7/19

APPLICATION FOR PLATE EXEMPTION - PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Sub-Committee considered an application for an exemption to the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook with regard to displaying identity plates on the outside of a 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 Page 23 of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Handbook.

It was noted that the applicant had requested that the application be heard in his absence.

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

RESOLVED that the application be refused.

The meeting closed at 1.43 p.m.

Chairman