

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room - Town Hall on 1 April 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillor Pat Hearn (Chair)

Councillors Colin Murdoch and Jim Murray

Officers in attendance:

Danielle Ball (Specialist Advisor - Licensing, Service Delivery), Stewart Bryant (Senior Specialist Advisor (Licensing and Pollution)), Michele Wilkinson (Lawyer (Housing & Regulatory)), and Emily Horne (Committee Officer).

5 Apologies for absence.

There were none.

6 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct.

There were none.

7 Exclusion of the public.

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as otherwise there was a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A are shown below.

8 Determination of a licensed Public Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

The Sub-Committee, considered the Officer's report, the representations made and whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Public Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

Resolved – The Licensing Sub Committee decision is to give a written warning which will stay on the licence holder's record for a period of 12 months. The Sub Committee noted that should any complaint, of any nature, be made against the licence holder within this period then that complaint would be referred to the Licensing Sub Committee for further consideration.

Reasons - The Sub Committee took into account his previous exemplary record and the provocation experienced by the licence holder leading up to the incident. The Sub Committee also took into account that he did deal with the passenger, following the incident, by completing the journey (taking the passenger to his destination). It also noted the licence holder's sincere expressions of apology and remorse.

(Exempt information reasons 1 and 2 – Information relation to an individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.)

The meeting ended at 7.26 pm

Councillor Pat Hearn (Chair)