

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
25 JUNE 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee of Flintshire County Council held in the Delyn Committee Room, County Hall, Mold on Thursday, 25 June 2015

PRESENT: **Councillor Tony Sharps (Chairman)**
Councillors David Cox and Jim Falshaw

OFFICERS OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:
Licensing Team Leader (Gemma Potter), Solicitor (Tim Dillon) and Committee Officer

Applicant

1. APOLOGIES

None were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (INCLUDING WHIPPING DECLARATIONS)

None were received.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items as it was considered to contain exempt information by virtue of paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

4. HEARING AND DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION

The Chairman welcomed the applicant and introduced the panel members. He explained the procedure for the hearing, as well as how the application would be determined and detailed the order in which speakers would be able to address members of the panel.

5. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE / HACKNEY CARRIAGE (JOINT) DRIVER LICENCE

The Licensing Team Leader presented a report to consider an application for a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage (Joint) Driver Licence. She provided background information and key considerations, as set out in the report, and explained that the meeting was required to enable the panel to determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold such a Licence. The report detailed the contents of the application, together with information on the

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applicant's prior convictions and the Council's adopted guidance on dealing with such matters.

In response to questions raised by the panel, the applicant provided clarification on a number of issues relating to the nature and background of the past convictions and spoke about positive lifestyle changes made since that time. The applicant was also invited to make further representations in support of the application, which were noted.

When the Chairman was satisfied that all relevant questions had been raised, he requested that the applicant and the Licensing Team Leader leave the meeting whilst the panel reached a decision.

5.1 Determination of the Application

Following consideration of the application including both written and verbal representations, the panel was of the view that the applicant was a fit and proper person within the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to hold a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage (Joint) Drivers Licence. The panel felt that the offences were historic and that there was no pattern of offending. The panel was also satisfied that there was no conflict with the Council's Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Team Leader and the applicant were invited to return so that the meeting could be reconvened.

5.2 Decision

The Chairman advised that the panel considered the applicant to be a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage (Joint) Drivers Licence.

RESOLVED:

That the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that the Licence be granted.

(The meeting started at 2.00 pm and ended at 2.25 pm)

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