

A record of the meeting of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely on Wednesday 18 July 2012 at 10.50am

P R E S E N T

Councillor Sue Austen
Councillor Tony Goodge (Chairman)
Councillor Andy Wright
Councillor Michael Allan (Reserve Member)

I N A T T E N D A N C E

Driver (vii) – Applicant

O F F I C E R S

Lin Bagwell - Licensing Officer (Enforcement)
Maggie Camp – Senior Legal Assistant
Melanie Sage – Democratic Services Officer

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was resolved:

That Councillor Goodge be elected as Chairman of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee for the duration of the Sub-Committee Hearing.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed the Applicant and introduced himself. Cllr Austen, Wright and Allan and the officers in attendance also introduced themselves. The Chairman invited the Applicant to introduce himself to the Sub-Committee.

Having confirmed that his presence was no longer required, Cllr Allan left the Council Chamber at this point of the meeting and did not return to the meeting.

The Chairman confirmed with the Applicant that he had received the officer's report and he informed the Applicant that the membership

of the Sub-Committee had altered to that published on the agenda. Cllr Andy Wright had replaced Cllr Sue Willows and Cllr Michael Allan had replaced Cllr Lindsey Harris as the Reserve Member.

4. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was resolved:

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of Item No. 5 because it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1, 2 and 7 Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as Amended).

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 – APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE**

The Chairman asked the Licensing Officer to present her report by summarising the main points of the report. The Senior Legal Assistant stated that she would prefer if the Licensing Officer presented her report in detail. The Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Members confirmed that they had read the officer's report in full and the Applicant also confirmed that he had read the report in full. Therefore the Senior Legal Assistant agreed that the Licensing Officer could present her report by summarising the main points of the report.

The Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee were then presented with a report (M48), previously circulated, to consider a new application for a joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence and whether the Applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold such a licence.

At the request of the Chairman, the Licensing Officer presented and summarised her report. The Licensing Officer advised Members of the background details to the case and why the matter was being referred to the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee including reference to the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Guide (Blue Book).

At the conclusion of the officer's presentation Members of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee were provided with an opportunity to ask the Licensing Officer and Applicant any questions.

The Chairman provided the Applicant with the opportunity to address the Sub-Committee in support of his case.

There being no further comments or questions the Chairman announced that the Sub-Committee would retire to deliberate on the application and would then return to announce its decision.

The Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee retired from the Council Chamber at 11.12am. The Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee returned to the Council Chamber at 11.25am.

Upon returning to the Council Chamber the Chairman announced that the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee had made a decision and requested that the Senior Legal Assistant announce its decision.

The Senior Legal Assistant stated that the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee were minded to grant the application for the issue of a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence to the Applicant and provided the reasons for reaching its decision.

It was resolved:

To grant a joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driving Licence to Driver vii.

The meeting concluded at 11.26am.