

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Taxi Sub-Committee** held on Friday 1st February 2008 in the Main Committee Room, Brympton Way, Yeovil

(10.00am – 11.30am)

Present:

Members:

Linda Vijeh (in the Chair)
Keith Ronaldson
Alan Smith

Officers:

Julia Bradburn	Principal Licensing Officer
Lyn Lockyer	Committee Administrator
Lynda Creek	Assistant Solicitor

Others:

Mr Simon Woodrow	Applicant
Mr A Poole	Applicant's Solicitor
Mr B Hingley	Assistant Solicitor
Mr Eric Haines	Supporter of Applicant

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Terms of Reference**

The Terms of Reference were noted.

3. **Agreed procedure to be followed when considering Taxi Licence Reviews**

The Sub-Committee noted the agreed procedure to be followed when considering Taxi Licence Reviews.

Exclusion of the Public

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the Committee resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following two items in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, i.e. information relating to any individual.

4. Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The Sub-Committee followed the procedure as set out in Agenda Item 3

- The applicant was present with his solicitor
- The Principal Licensing Officer explained the background to the case, the reasons for bringing this case before the Sub-Committee and the relevance to the corporate priorities of this Council concerning community safety. The Principal Licensing Officer explained the decision options available to the Sub-Committee.
- Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Principal Licensing Officer concerning the case.
- The Applicant's solicitor then stated the case on behalf of the applicant. The applicant also confirmed his statement, which was also presented in the written submission given to the committee prior to the meeting.
- The Committee and Officer were given the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and his representatives.
- The Officer and the Applicant's representative made their concluding statements.
- All parties withdrew leaving the sub-committee to consider its decision.

RESOLVED: That the licence be granted.

REASON: The Sub-Committee agreed (by majority, Cllr Ronaldson dissenting) that it was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence and as such it was, therefore, required to grant the licence.

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The meeting closed at 11.30 am

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Chairman