

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Sub Committee** held at the **Main Committee Room** on **Thursday 17 March 2016**.

(10.00 - 11.55 am)

Present:

Members:

Martin Wale (Chairman)
Val Keitch
Linda Vijeh

Officers

Nigel Marston	Licensing Manager
Ann Chislett	Legal Executive
Colin Chown	Licensing Enforcement Officer
Kelly Wheeler	Democratic Services Officer

Note: All decisions were approved without dissent unless shown otherwise.

22. Declarations of Interests (Agenda Item 1)

There were no declarations of interest.

23. Agreed procedure to be followed when considering Taxi Licence Reviews (Agenda Item 2)

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

24. Exclusion of the Press and Public (Agenda Item 3)

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.

25. Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence (Confidential) (Agenda Item 4)

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

- The applicant was present at the meeting.

- The Licensing Manager explained the background and the reasons for bringing the application before the Sub-Committee.
- Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licensing Manager concerning the case.
- The applicant was also given the opportunity to make representations to the Sub-Committee.
- All parties withdrew, with the exception of the Chartered Legal Executive and the Democratic Services Officer, leaving the Sub-Committee to consider its decision.

Upon reconvening, the Chairman announced the decision of the Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED: that the application for a Hackney Carriage licence not be granted.

REASON: that the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage drivers licence due to

- Non-compliance with the licensing requirements of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, in that as a proprietor of a hackney carriage, you refused requests by a police constable to present your hackney carriage for inspection and testing
- Inappropriate or aggressive behaviour towards authorised officers and police constables during such inspection and testing.

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Chairman

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Date