
LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th JUNE 2006

Present: Councillor Cunio (Chair), Councillors Darke, Drake, Galton, Jackson, Parnell, Samuels, Smith and White.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. Blatchford, Mrs. Bridle and Rayment.

1. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Drake be appointed Vice Chair for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

2. MINUTES INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 2nd February, 2006, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee considered the confidential report of the Solicitor to the Council detailing an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence. (Copy of report circulated with Agenda).

The applicant and his wife were present and with the consent of the Chair, they addressed the meeting.

The Committee considered the decision in confidential session in accordance with category 4 of paragraph 10 -.4 of the Council's access to Information Procedure Rules.

RESOLVED that the application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence be granted.

REASON FOR DECISION

There was no compelling evidence presented to the Committee that would justify refusal of the application having regard to the Guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and since the applicant's last conviction, as well as the further evidence presented by the applicant at the hearing. The Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES – SURVEY/PLATE LIMITS

The Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council detailing the report by Halcrow Group Limited concerning a survey of unmet demand for the services of licensed Hackney carriages demand in relation to the City's current policy of numerical control of the number of licences issued (Copy of report circulated with agenda).

Mr S. Fricker, Mr. D. Griffiths and Mr. P. MacMillan were present and with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that in the light of the Halcrow survey finding no unmet demand for the services of Hackney carriages the current policy of numerical control of licenses be retained.

5. DELEGATED POWERS IN RELATION TO VARIATIONS IN PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Solicitor to the Council to vary the conditions on private hire drivers who have reached the age of 70 years by means of delegated powers (Copy of report circulated with agenda).

RESOLVED that the renewal application process in respect of drivers over the age of 70 years be amended to allow the Solicitor to the Council delegated authority to renew Private Hire Licences where the applicant has undergone the relevant medical examination and been declared fit.