

Licensing Sub-Committee – Meeting held on Monday, 7th November, 2016.

Present:- Councillors Davis (Chair), Rasib and Strutton

Officers Present:- Rachael Rumney, Senior Licensing Officer; Alison Peters, Legal Representative, Teresa Clark, Senior Democratic Services Officer

PART 1

7. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Strutton advised that he held a Private Hire Driver and Operator Licence until February 2016. He no longer held these Licences.

8. Guidance on Predetermination/ Predisposition - To Note

Members confirmed that they had read and understood the guidance on predetermination and predisposition.

9. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 10th October, 2016

Resolved- That the minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October, 2016 be approved as a correct record.

10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved – That the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the items to be considered contained exempt information relating to individuals as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

11. Private Hire Driver Conduct Hearing- (Reference 02-16)

The Following is a Part 1 summary of the case:

The Licensing Sub-Committee was asked to consider whether Private Hire Driver (Reference 02-16) was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire licence in Slough.

The Licensing Officer summarised the background to the case and discussed the relevant Policy and Legislative considerations. She advised Members that the Sub-Committee could only allow an Applicant to hold a Licence if it was satisfied that the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to do so.

In February, 2016, the Licensing Team received official notification that the Driver (whilst working as a Private Hire Taxi Driver), was arrested by Thames Valley Police for using threatening, abusive, insulting words or behaviour with

Licensing Sub-Committee - 07.11.16

intent to cause fear of/provoke unlawful violence, and that he accepted a Fixed Penalty Notice ("FPN").

The Driver addressed the Sub-Committee, and presented evidence in mitigation.

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the evidence at its disposal, and concluded that the Driver was not fit and proper to continue to hold a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

Resolved- That the Private Hire Driver's (ref 02-16) Licence be revoked.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 10.00 am and closed at 11.35 am)