

Licensing Sub-Committee – Meeting held on Monday, 16th January, 2017.

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

Officers Present:- Teresa Clark, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Alison Peters, Legal Representative, Mick Sims, Licensing Manager

PART 1

16. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sohal declared that he had known Driver (Ref 03-16) by sight, for many years, but had never spoken to him. He would consider the matter with an open mind.

17. Guidance on Predetermination/ Predisposition - To Note

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

18. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 5th December, 2016

Resolved- That the minutes of the last meeting held on 5th December, 2016, be approved as a correct record.

19. 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).

20. Private Hire Conduct Hearing- (Ref 03-16)

The Following is a Part 1 summary of the case:

The Licensing Sub-Committee was asked to consider whether Private Hire Driver (Reference 03-16) was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire licence in Slough.

The Licensing Manager summarised the background to the case and discussed the relevant Policy and Legislative considerations. He 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.

The Sub-Committee was advised that the Driver was the current holder of both a Private Hire Driver and Vehicle Licence, issued by Slough Borough Council. The Driver was convicted of an offence relating to a domestic

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incident and had voluntarily notified the Licensing Team of his conviction. No complaints had ever been received about his conduct as a taxi driver and he had not previously acquired any convictions or cautions. He was not judged by the police to be a danger to the public.

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

The Sub-Committee carefully considered all the evidence at its disposal.

Resolved - That the Private Hire Driver's licence (ref 03-16) be suspended for 2 weeks and that the Driver be issued with a formal warning.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 10.00 am and closed at 10.40 am)