

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Microsoft Teams - Remote
Date:	Monday, 1 March 2021
Time:	10.00 am
Present remotely via Teams:	Councillors R Sweeting (Chair), J Chilvers (Vice-Chair), I Chilvers, J Mackman, J Cattanach, P Welch, J Duggan, S Duckett, M McCartney and D Buckle
Officers present remotely via Teams:	Jade Reynolds, Solicitor, Sharon Cousins, Licensing Manager; and Dawn Drury, Democratic Services Officer

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor M Jordan, Councillor D Buckle was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Jordan.

31 MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2021.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 8 February 2021.

32 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

33 PROCEDURE AND TAXI LICENSING POLICY

The Committee noted the Licensing Committee procedure and the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy.

34 CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

There was no Chairs address.

35 VERBAL UPDATE ON COVID-19

The Licensing Manager informed the Committee that Selby District Council licensing, enforcement and environmental health teams continued to work with North Yorkshire Police to deal with any issues or concerns surrounding licensed premises in the District. It was noted that to date compliance had been good.

Members heard that in addition, Covid Marshalls had started to work one day a week in the community, initially to visit local supermarkets. It was further confirmed that the role of the Marshall would change from week to week to follow advice from Public Health, and as the economy reopened the wardens could be used for longer periods of time, over more days, and would assist with the night-time economy work.

36 PRIVATE SESSION

It was proposed, and seconded, that the Committee sit in private session due to the nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted the meeting be not open to the press and public during discussion of the following items as there will be disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

37 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Licensing Manager presented the report, which asked the Committee to determine an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. It was noted that the application had been brought before the Committee due to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check highlighted previous convictions during the application process.

The applicant was present remotely and was able to respond to questions asked by the Committee concerning the report and the previous convictions.

The applicant and the Licensing Manager left the meeting at this point and did not return.

The Committee considered that the convictions were of concern however they had occurred a long time ago, and that the applicant had learned from his mistakes. The Committee considered that the evidence

presented demonstrated that the applicant was a 'fit and proper person' to be a licensed Private Hire driver.

RESOLVED:

To grant the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Reason For Decision:

The Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person in accordance with the Council's Licensing Policy.

The meeting closed at 11.02 am.

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