

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2011**

9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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Present

Councillors: P. Adams (Chairman)
T. Barker (Minute 352 – 358, 362 – 365 & 369 - 377),
Mrs B. Baker (Minute 352 - 370), W. Benyon, V. Bushell and A. Davies.

352. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

353. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee held on 17th October, 26th October, 8th November and 9th November be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

354. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions, statements or petitions received.

355. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

356. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader referred to the report and advised Members that Mr Khalil Ahmed was not in attendance and had failed to notify the Licensing Section that he was unable to attend the meeting. She presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that the application had been deferred from a previous meeting. The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that the applicant had been advised that if he failed to attend his application would be considered in his absence.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence for Zone 1 (Bridgnorth) be refused.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application form stated that the applicant intended to work in Bridgnorth and Birmingham areas and that the applicant had failed to attend at the allocated time and also failed to attend at the Sub-Committee's previous meeting on 26th October 2011. From the information given Members found that the vehicle would be used substantially out of the area of Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

357. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader referred to the report and advised Members that Mr GhufuranTariq was not in attendance and had failed to notify the Licensing Section that he was unable to attend the meeting. She presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that the application had been deferred from a previous meeting. The Licensing Team Leader confirmed that the applicant had been advised that if he failed to attend his application would be considered in his absence.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence for Zone 1 (Bridgnorth) be refused.

The Sub-Committee noted that the application form stated that the applicant intended to work in Bridgnorth and Birmingham areas and that the applicant had failed to attend at the allocated time and also failed to attend at the Sub-Committee's previous meeting on 26th October 2011. From the information given Members found that the vehicle would be used substantially out of the area of Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

358. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE POLICY

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for an exemption from the Private Hire Vehicle Policy.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the case to the Sub-Committee stating that the application was for a vehicle to be exempt from displaying the identifying plate and Council issued signage and instead display an executive style plate. In response to a question, the Licensing Team Leader stated that although the Policy did not give a definition of an executive style car, she would expect the vehicle to be a limousine style vehicle.

Mr Wells (the applicant) was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case. The applicant stated that the type of work that he undertook for business clients and that feedback received from his clients was that discretion was appreciated.

The Licensing Team Leader, in summing up, explained that the Policy had been formulated to make clear the distinction between Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriage Vehicles, to enable Licensing Officers to undertake enforcement work. The applicant was invited to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 9.55 a.m. and reconvened at 10.08 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for an exemption from Private Hire Vehicle Policy be refused.

Reason: The Sub-Committee were sympathetic to the arguments put forward by the applicant, but found the vehicle was not an executive type vehicle and did not consider there to be any reason to make an exemption to the policy and did not consider that the vehicle should be issued with a Section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 notice.

(Councillor Tim Barker left the meeting at this point)

359. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (1) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

360. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 2, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader, Members of the Sub-Committee and the Council's Solicitor the applicant confirmed that he had previously worked as a Private Hire Driver and that if his application was successful he would move to Shropshire.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application and the Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 10.30 a.m. and reconvened at 10.34 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

361. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 3, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader, Council's Solicitor and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that he currently worked as a Public Service Vehicle (PSV) driver and gave further information in relation to the offence disclosed by the DVLA.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 10.59 a.m. and reconvened at 11.10 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reasons: The Sub-Committee considered the application to be premature and would be looking for a period of at least 2 years free of conviction from the date of the traffic offence before an application would be considered further. Members noted the pattern of drug offences and also took these into account.

In making their decision, Members took into account the Council's guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and their over-riding duty in relation to the safety of the public, and the nature of the offences. After hearing the representations they did not consider there to be any reason why they should depart from the guidance given in the guidelines. The Sub-Committee could not be satisfied at present that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

(Councillor Tim Barker rejoined the meeting at this point)

362. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 1, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offence disclosed by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader, Members of the Sub-Committee and the Council's Solicitor, the applicant confirmed that he currently held a Private Hire Licence with another Licensing Authority which had previously been suspended for 6 months while he was disqualified from driving. The applicant added that if his application was successful he intended to move to Shropshire and was unsure at present if he wanted to work as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire driver.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

363. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 4, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader, Members of the Sub-Committee and the Council's Solicitor the applicant gave further information in relation to his convictions and confirmed that he had previously worked as a Private Hire driver but surrendered his badge when he was disqualified from driving.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, in particular relating to patterns of offences. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision. A family friend was present to give a character reference for the applicant.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 11.59 a.m. and reconvened at 12.04 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reasons: The Sub-Committee considered the application to be premature and would be looking for a period of at least 3 years free of conviction from the date when the applicant's driving licence was reinstated before an application would be considered further.

In making their decision, Members took into account the Council's guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and their over-riding duty in relation to the safety of the public, and the nature of the offences. After hearing the representations they did not consider there to be any reason why they should depart from the guidance given in the guidelines as the offences disclosed were serious and related directly to driving a Private Hire Vehicle illegally. The Committee could not be satisfied at present that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

364. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 5, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader, Council's Solicitor and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant gave further information in relation to the offence and confirmed that if his application was successful he would move to Shropshire.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 12.14 p.m. and reconvened at 12.16 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

365. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 6, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant explained why he had not disclosed the conviction on the application form and gave further information in relation to the incident.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committees attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 12.28 p.m. and reconvened at 12.30 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

(Councillor Tim Barker left the meeting at this point)

366. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 8, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had previously worked as a Private Hire Driver and noted that if his application was successful he would like to work as a Hackney Carriage Driver.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, in particular relating to patterns of offences. The

Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 12.44 p.m. and reconvened at 12.46 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reasons: The Sub-Committee considered the application to be premature and would be looking for a period of at least 3 years free of conviction from the date of the offence before an application would be considered further.

In making their decision, Members took into account the Council's guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and their over-riding duty in relation to the safety of the public, and the nature of the offences. After hearing the representations they did not consider there to be any reason why they should depart from the guidance given in the guidelines. The Committee could not be satisfied at present that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

367. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 9, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. He presented his case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offence as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that he held a current licence with another licensing authority and gave further information in relation to the offence disclosed by the DVLA.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application and the Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 1.54 p.m. and reconvened at 1.56 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

368. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 10, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offence disclosed by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that he held a current Private Hire Licence with another Licensing Authority and noted that if his application was successful he would move to Shropshire.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application and the Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 2.08 p.m. and reconvened at 2.20 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted subject to the following condition:

That if the applicant received any further points on his driving licence it would lead to the applicant coming back before the Sub Committee.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

(Councillor Tim Barker rejoined the meeting at this point)

369. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 11, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. He presented his case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offence as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that he held licences with two different licensing authorities noting that one had been recently reinstated following a 6 month suspension. He gave further information in relation to the circumstances surrounding his convictions

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application and the Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 2.40 p.m. and reconvened at 2.50 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred to future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee to enable the Licensing Team Leader to verify the circumstances surrounding the incident that occurred in 2011.

370. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 12, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offence disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee the applicant confirmed that he had been refused a licence by another licensing authority in 2008 and gave further information in relation to the offences.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committees attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, in particular relating to patterns of offences. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision. The applicant's legal representative read out references in relation to the applicant.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 3.12 p.m. and reconvened at 3.16 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members took into account the Council's guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and their over-riding duty in relation to the safety of the public, and the nature of the offences. After hearing the representations they did not consider there to be any reason why they should depart from the guidance given in the guidelines. The Committee could therefore not be satisfied at present that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

(Councillor Beverley Baker left the meeting at this point)

371. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 13, to the Sub-Committee providing information disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that this was his first application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence and gave further information in relation to the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, in particular relating to patterns of offences. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 3.43 p.m. and reconvened at 3.45 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

372. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 14, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed why he wanted a Shropshire Licence and gave further information in relation to the offence disclosed by the DVLA.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application and the Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 3.55 p.m. and reconvened at 3.57 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, Members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

373. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report, in respect of Case 17, to the Sub-Committee providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The applicant, and his legal representative were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offences as detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that if his application was successful he would move to Shropshire and gave further information in relation to the offences disclosed.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application drawing the Sub-Committee's attention to the extracts from the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 4.20 p.m. and reconvened at 4.29 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant undertake a drugs test prior to the issue of his licence at the applicant's expense.
2. That, within 24 hours of being requested to do so by the Licensing Team Leader, the applicant undertake a drugs test during their first year as a driver at the applicant's expense.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Sub-Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence but wanted additional assurance that the applicant was no longer using drugs.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

374. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Prior to consideration of the report, the Licensing Officer advised the Sub Committee that Case 7 was not in attendance.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee.

375. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Prior to consideration of the report, the Licensing Officer advised the Sub Committee that Case 15 was not in attendance.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee.

376. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Prior to consideration of the report, the Licensing Officer advised the Sub Committee that Case 16 was not in attendance.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee.

377. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Prior to consideration of the report, the Licensing Officer advised the Sub Committee that Case 18 was not in attendance.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....