

TORRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCILLICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGTown Hall - Bridge Street, Bideford, EX39 2HSThursday, 9 November 2023 - 10.00 am

PRESENT	Councillors C Bright, S Harding and P Pennington	
ALSO PRESENT	S Dorey	- Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
	C Parkhouse	- Lead Licensing Officer
	J Mann	- Environmental & Licensing Team Leader
	T Vanstone	- Senior Electoral & Democratic Services Officer
	K Brown	- Democratic Services Officer
APPLICANT		- Taxi Licence Applicant

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor C Bright, seconded by Councillor P Pennington and –

Resolved:

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 and Paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

(Vote: For - unanimous)

25. PART II (CLOSED SESSION)

26. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Chair opened the meeting, introducing the Licensing Sub-committee Members and Torrridge District Council staff present. He advised that the hearing had been convened to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee present declared they had no personal or prejudicial interests in the application.

The Lead Licensing Officer confirmed he was representing Torridge District Council.

The Chair asked the applicant to confirm his name and address along with any representatives and witnesses. There were no representatives or witnesses present.

The Chair explained the procedure and purpose of the hearing.

The Lead Licensing Officer was invited to present the report, the purpose of which was to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chair thanked the Lead Licensing Officer for his report and asked the panel if they had any questions for the Lead Licensing Officer.

The applicant was invited to put forward his case.

The panel were invited to ask questions which resulted in a brief discussion where questions were answered and queries addressed.

At 10.25am the Sub-Committee retired.

The Head of Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) joined the panel.

At 10.56am the Sub-Committee returned.

The Chair stated that the Sub-Committee had carefully considered the matter and oral evidence of all parties. They had regarded the Council's Licensing Policy for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles, the Council's Policy on the treatment of criminal convictions and to the Regulators' Code.

Upon the return of the Sub-Committee it was confirmed that the decision had been made to refuse to issue the licence.

The Chair confirmed that the licence holder had the right to appeal the sub-committee's decision and the appeal must be submitted to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 11.00 am

Chair:

Date: