

GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 02.09.15

Present: Councillor Tudor Owen (Chair), Councillors Angela Russell and Elfed Williams

Officers: Siôn Huws (Senior Solicitor), Sheryl Le Bon Jones (Licensing Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman, Councillor W. Tudor Owen, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The panel and the officers were introduced to everyone present.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs apply because the individuals in question are entitled to privacy and there is no overriding public interest that requires the disclosure of personal information relating to those individuals, nor their identities. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

- a) The Licensing Officer presented the written report on the application received from Mr A for a new hackney/private hire driver's licence. It was explained that a statement of convictions had been submitted, and due to the fact that the crimes remained relevant to the licensing field, the Committee was requested to consider the application in accordance with the DBS record, and in accordance with the guidance on relevant crimes and convictions.
- b) The applicant was invited to expand on his application. It was acknowledged that the disclosed offences had occurred during his teens as a result of immature decisions. He expanded that he was remorseful and that he was now a responsible father with a positive attitude towards life and work. He also noted that he had been offered a job with a local company.

A letter containing the applicant's character reference was submitted and the Licensing Manager confirmed that a verbal request had been made to employ the applicant, that he had passed a medical test and had passed a theory test.

- c) The applicant withdrew from the room while the Sub-committee members discussed the application.

ch) After detailed consideration, the Sub-committee decided that the applicant was a suitable person to be granted a licence and the application was approved. The Sub-committee felt that the applicant had acknowledged the seriousness of the offence and that he had shown remorse. It was also acknowledged that he had shown evidence of changing his lifestyle.

RESOLVED to approve Mr A's application for a hackney/private hire driver's licence.

The Solicitor reported that the Licensing Unit would send a letter to the applicant confirming the decision of the Sub-committee.

The meeting commenced at 3:30pm and concluded at 4:10pm.