

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 10.00 am
on Tuesday, 28 February 2017

Present:

Members: Councillor T Khan (Chair)
Councillor R Auluck
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor B Kaur
Councillor A Lucas
Councillor T Mayer
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor R Thay
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor S Walsh

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Beechey, M Fothergill, A Harwood, U Patel, A Wright

Apologies: Councillor D Kershaw

Public Business

65. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

66. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24 January 2017 were signed as true record. The minutes of the Sub-Committee (Hearing) held on 16 January 2017 were also signed as a true record.

67. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 1004(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business indicated below, on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule as indicated:

| Minute No. | Subject | Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A |
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| 71 | Roofing work carried out for vulnerable customer | 7 |
| 72 | Non-compliance with | 7 |

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| | Improvement Notice – Section 12 of the Housing Act 2004 | |
| 74 | Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver's Licences | 1 and 3 |

68. Report of Recent Prosecutions: 1 November 2016 - 27 February 2017

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Place which provided an update on any prosecutions authorised by Committee that had concluded at Court between 1 November 2016 and 27 February 2017.

At the Committee meeting held on 24th January 2017, Members indicated that they would like to receive feedback of the results of any prosecutions that were authorised by the Committee once they had concluded at Court. It was subsequently decided that the most appropriate way of achieving this would be a Public Report to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

69. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

70. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of urgent business.

71. Roofing work carried out for vulnerable customer

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations (CPUTR) 2008 and the Fraud Act 2006 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged roofing and home improvement work carried out for a vulnerable customer by (i) Galaxy Home Improvements Ltd, (ii) Ahmed Jamal Barber, (iii) Nadeem Yasin and (iv) Ahmadzai Mohammad Naeem Trading as N and U Building Solutions.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

72. Non-compliance with Improvement Notice - Section 12 of the Housing Act 2004

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Housing Act 2004 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged non-compliance with an Improvement Notice served under the above Act on the owner of 123-125 Radford Road, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

73. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that having considered the circumstances set out in the reports of the Executive Director of Place now submitted:

- (a) The consideration of the application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Mohammed Hanif be adjourned to a future meeting pending further clarification on a number of matters.**

(Note: Mr M Hanif and his legal representative attended the meeting in support of his application).

74. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of urgent private business.

(Meeting closed at 12.25 pm)