

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 9.30 am
on Tuesday, 28 June 2022

Present:

Members: Councillor CE Thomas (Chair)
Councillor F Abbott
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor J Innes
Councillor T Jandu
Councillor S Keough
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor R Thay

Employees:

S Ahmed, Law and Governance
M Coggins, Streetscene and Regulatory Services
C Sinclair, Law and Governance
B Udegbe, Law and Governance
S Yarker, Streetscene and Regulatory Services

Apologies: Councillor J Birdi, B Gittins, A Masih and S Walsh

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Hayre declared an interest in the matter relating to Minute 6(c) below (Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licences) as the applicant was known to him.

He withdrew from the meeting during consideration and voting on this matter.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 15 March 2022 and the Sub-Committee hearing held on 27 May 2022 were signed as a true record.

3. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) 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 paragraphs
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		of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
6	Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences	1 & 3

4. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

5. 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 public business.

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

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the report of the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services now submitted:

- (a) The application for the grant of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be refused.**

(Note: The applicant attended the meeting in support of his case)

- (b) The application for renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted and suspended for 6 months.**

(Note: The applicant attended the meeting in support of his case)

- (c) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence having been reviewed, be granted and suspended for a period of three months.**

(Note: The applicant attended the meeting in support of his case)

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

E-cigarettes

Arising from a discussion in respect of E-cigarette use (vaping) the Committee raised concerns relating to vaping in enclosed spaces (ie taxis) from a health perspective. In noting that vaping was not covered by smoke free legislation, the Chair asked that officers write to the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport expressing the Committee's wish that the use of e-cigarettes be reviewed by the Cabinet Member from a public health perspective.

RESOLVED that the Committee request that the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport review and bring forward a policy on the safety and use of e-cigarettes (vaping) in the workplace.

(Meeting closed at 12.40 pm)