

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 9.30 am
on Tuesday, 25 October 2022

Present:

Members: Councillor J Clifford (Chair)
Councillor J Birdi
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor J Innes
Councillor S Keough
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor CE Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

S Ahmed, Law and Governance
S Beechey, Taxi Licensing & Enforcement Officer
C Sinclair, Law and Governance

Apologies: Councillor F Abbott, L Bigham, B Gittins, A Hopkins, T Jandu
and A Masih

Public Business

35. Guidelines

In welcoming all to the meeting, the Chair reminded Members of the Committee that they must be cognisant of the adopted City Council guidelines in respect of decision making.

36. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 20 September 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

37. Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Hayre declared an interest in the item referred to in minute 41 below. He withdrew from the meeting during the consideration and voting on that item.

38. 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 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
41	Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence	1 & 3
42	Application for Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence	1 & 3

39. 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.

40. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

41. Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the report of the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services now submitted, the application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Note: The applicant and his representative attended the meeting in support of the application.

42. Application for Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the report of the Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services now submitted, the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be refused.

Note: The applicant and his legal representative attended the meeting in support of the application.

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

Recommendations to Cabinet Members

The Committee considered a number of matters and arising from their discussion agreed the following:

- The Cabinet Member for City Services be requested to consider their concerns regarding the Committee's refusal of licenses and the ability of those drivers to become licenced elsewhere.

- The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills be requested to ensure that those drivers employed to transport children and young people with SEND, for and on behalf of the City Council, were competent and fit to do so.

(Meeting closed at 11.25 am)