

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL

Thursday, 27th March, 2014

Present: Cllr C Brown (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Bates and Cllr S M King.

Together with representatives of the Licensing Authority.

Councillor M Taylor was also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 14/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

LA 14/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

LA 14/20 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CASE NO 04/2014

(Reason: LGA 1972 Sch 12A Para 1 – Information relating to an individual)

The Panel gave consideration to the report of the Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer regarding an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The Panel was advised that the Applicant had held an Operator's Licence, Vehicle Licence and Private Hire Driver's Licence with another Licensing Authority which had been revoked in 2008 following conviction for using a private hire vehicle without a current private hire vehicle licence.

The Panel listened carefully to the representations made by the applicant, had regard to the report of the Director of Central Services and found that the applicant was a 'fit and proper person' to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The Panel advised the applicant that they had serious concerns about his previous conviction and suggested that he ensure that he understood fully the conditions applied to drivers under the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. The Panel

RESOLVED: That the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be approved subject to the following condition:-

The Applicant will meet the Licensing and Community Safety Manager of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council on a monthly basis for six months from the date of issue of the driver's licence and thereafter on two occasions at three monthly intervals to ensure that he remains a 'fit and proper person' to hold a licence.

The meeting ended at 8.09 pm having commenced at 7.30 pm