

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 14 October 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Alanna Vine (Chair) in the chair; Councillor David Sedgwick (Vice-Chair); Councillors Dickie Davies, Chris Gordon, Graham Greenhalgh, Yvonne Guariento, Wendy Meikle, Adrian Nottingham and Matt Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 9 September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Items 6&7 to prevent the disclosure of information relating to an individual as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, would not be fair to the applicants and would breach their data protection principles.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interest that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

4. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

6. THE ROLE OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) submitted a report (copies of which have been circulated) which set out the background relating to Cumulative Impact Assessments following a request at the last meeting of the Licensing, Environment and Safety Committee.

The following comments were made/ issues raised :

- Members questioned how flexible the Cumulative Impact Assessments could be? In response, members were advised that it would be necessary to show evidence of a problem in a particular area.
- A short discussion took place relating to how the imposition of a Cumulative Impact Assessment could be challenged.
- Members considered that this was a clear and straightforward tool which would enable each application to be judged on its own merits.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. CASE NO. P1743

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Committee to consider whether the applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold a hire car driver's licence in view of the driver's recent convictions.

The Committee interviewed the driver, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – (7 in favour, 3 against) that in the light of the driver's recent conviction for the offences of plying for hire and thereby having invalid insurance, the driver's licence be suspended for a two week period.

8. CASE NO. P1744

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Committee to consider whether the applicant remained a fit and proper person to hold a hire car driver's licence in view of the driver's recent convictions.

The Committee interviewed the driver, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That in the light of the driver's recent conviction for the offences of plying for hire and thereby having invalid insurance, the driver's licence be suspended for a three week period.

9. CASE NO. P1745

A representative of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the Committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions.

The Committee interviewed the driver, in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm