

Minutes of Licensing Sub Committee 1

**Monday 3 July 2023 at 10.00am
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor J Giles (Chair);
Councillors Fenton, Lewis, Loan and Tromans.

Officers: Nicola Plant (Assistant Director – Public Protection and
Community Safety);
Usha Devi (Senior Licensing Officer);
David Elliott (Legal Advisor);
Toby Howes (Interim Democratic Services Officer);
Trisha Newton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager).

26/23 **Apology for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Singh and Wilkes.

27/23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

28/23 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting. This is to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006 relating to any individual.



29/23

Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr Y W

Members considered the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr Y W who was present at the hearing.

The applicant provided the Sub Committee with a DBS Certificate and a reference from the Chair of the Ethiopian Community in Birmingham Organisation.

The Sub Committee noted that it was unlikely that the applicant would be able to obtain a Certificate of Good Conduct from his country of origin due to the prevalent circumstances it faced.

The Sub Committee took advice from its legal advisor before adjourning to make its decision.

Having considered all of the information before it, the Sub Committee was minded to grant the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr Y W.

Resolved that the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr Y W be granted.

30/23

Application for the review of the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M Z B

Members considered the application of the review for a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M Z B.

The Sub Committee took advice from its legal advisor before adjourning to make a decision on the application.

Resolved that consideration the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M Z B be adjourned whilst evidence of a criminal investigation is provided.



31/23

Application for the review of the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M A

Members considered the review of the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M A.

The Sub Committee noted that Mr M A was not present due to illness.

Resolved that consideration of the review of Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr M A be deferred until 31 July 2023.

32/23

Application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr F N

Members considered the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr F N.

Mr F N was not in attendance due to his legal representative not being available.

Resolved that consideration of the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect be adjourned to 17 July 2023.

33/23

Renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr S E K

The Sub Committee considered the application for Mr S E K.

Mr S E K and his legal representative were present to respond to questions from members.

The Sub Committee was advised that Mr S E K had failed to declare revocation of a licence by another authority and had also not declared licences with other authorities.

The Sub Committee took advice from its legal advisor before adjourning to make its decision.



Having considered all of the information before them, the Sub Committee was minded to suspend the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr S E K for a period of 56 days in light of the failure to disclose revocation of a licence at a neighbouring local authority.

Resolved that the Private Hire Driver's Licence in respect of Mr S E K be suspended for a period of 56 days.

Meeting ended at 4.54pm.

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