
Licensing and Appeals Sub Committee Hearing Panel

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 3 June 2019

Present: Councillor Ludford (Chair)

Councillors: Jeavons and Lynch

LACHP/19/62. Exclusion of the Public

A recommendation was made that the public is excluded during consideration of the items of business.

Decision

To exclude the public during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons, and public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

LACHP/19/63. Application for a Review of a Private Hire Driver Licence (AFK)

The applicant attended the meeting and addressed the Hearing Panel.

The Licensing Officer provided the background to the circumstances of the review.

The panel was informed that the applicant had a recent conviction in relation to plying for hire and driving without insurance. This is a serious offence for a private hire driver and puts the public at risk as they are uninsured for the journey and also their details are not recorded.

The Panel did not accept the applicant's version of events that he had been passing through the area to go home and stopped to give directions to the customer.

The Panel considered it was a deliberate act and the driver had stopped knowing there was an opportunity for a fare and he decided to take the opportunity. In the circumstances the Committee considered there were no reasons to depart from the guidelines and therefore refused to renew the licence.

Decision

To refuse to renew the licence.