

Licensing and Appeals Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25 October 2021

Present: Councillor Ludford – in the Chair

Councillors: Grimshaw, Andrews, Chambers, Connolly, Evans, Hassan, Jeavons and Lynch

Apologies: Councillor Flanagan, Hewitson, Hughes, S Judge, McHale and Reid

LAP/20/7 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Licensing and Appeals Committee meeting held on 13 September 2021.

LAP/20/8 Exclusion of the Public

The officers consider that the following item or items contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of these items. At the time this agenda is published no representations have been that this part of the meeting should be open to the public.

LAP/20/9 Allocation of Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licence HV434

The Committee considered the content of the report, the representations of the applicant and the Licensing officer.

The Licensing Unit Manager informed the Committee that this licence had not been renewed by the expiry date and was outside of the period for renewal that can be granted under delegated authority and was therefore referred to Committee to consider. From speaking to the licence holder, the Licensing Unit Manager relayed information to the Committee that the licence holder had been visiting a sick relative outside of the UK at the time of the renewal date and was unable to access the internet in the country he was in at the time to complete the renewal.

The licence holder addressed the Committee and explained that he had been caring for his parents and arrangements to complete the renewal, via a friend had not happened.

The Committee accepted the licence holder's version of events and in light of the circumstances outlined and considered that the renewal should be granted, out of time.

Decision

To allow the applicant to renew the licence for hackney carriage proprietor [vehicle] licence application for HV434, out of time, subject to the vehicle being required to be submitted for mechanical test in the normal way.