



**MINUTES of  
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE  
14 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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**PRESENT**

**Purpose of the Hearing:** To determine two applications for the Grant of New Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

**Chairman:** Councillor Mrs M E Thompson

**Councillors:** R G Boyce MBE and S J Savage

**Applicants:** Mr Andrew John Bourne, and,  
Mr Ciprian-Bogdan Nastasa

**In Attendance:** Councillor B S Beale  
Mr Simon Quelch, Solicitor  
Mr Dan White, Licensing Officer  
Mr Simon Casey, Licensing Officer

**440. TO APPOINT A CHAIRMAN FOR HEARING**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs M E Thompson be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

IN THE CHAIR: COUNCILLOR Mrs M E Thompson

**441. CHAIRMAN'S NOTICES**

The Chairman drew attention to the list of notices published on the back of the agenda.

**442. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**443. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.

**444. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Chairman introduced everyone present, outlined the procedure to be followed and confirmed that all present had been issued with the meeting document pack. She advised that Councillor B S Beale, also present, would not be involved in the decision-making.

The Licensing Officer took Members through the report highlighting the matters before them for consideration.

Mr Bourne, addressed issues raised in the report and for the benefit of the sub-committee clarified how these had arisen. Mr Ambrose, from Arrow Taxis, the Applicant's Representative, said he concurred with the applicant's comments.

Members of the Sub-Committee then questioned Mr Bourne further and Mr Bourne responded to all questions raised.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 14:20pm for Members to retire to consider their decision.

**445. DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION**

The Sub-Committee re-convened at 14:28 pm.

Mr Bourne was advised that the Solicitor had been asked to join Members during their adjournment to provide legal guidance.

The Chairman advised that having considered all the information before them and with due regard to the Council's Licensing policy and objectives the Sub-Committee, and for the reasons identified by the Chairman, it was

**RESOLVED** that Mr Andrew John Bourne be granted with a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting briefly before proceeding to the next item of business.

**446. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Chairman introduced everyone present and outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Licensing Officer took Members through the report, highlighting the matters before them for consideration.

Mr Bogdan-Ciprian Nastasa then addressed the Sub-Committee in support of his application, addressing issues raised in the report and made some concluding remarks in support of his application, and the job offer he had received.

Members of the Sub-Committee then questioned Mr Bogdan-Ciprian Nastasa Colombo further and he answered all questions raised. Mr Ambrose, from Arrow Taxis, the applicant's representative, confirmed that Mr Bogdan-Ciprian Nastasa had been in his employ for some time, he was of good character and the company had no complaints regarding his work.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 14.50 pm for Members to retire to consider their decision.

The Sub-Committee reconvened at 15:10 to seek further clarification on a particular issue raised in the report and re-adjourned at 15:15pm to consider their decision.

#### **447. DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION**

The Sub-Committee reconvened at 15:40.

Mr Ciprian-Bogdan Nastasa was advised that the Solicitor had been asked to join Members during their adjournment to provide legal guidance.

The Chairman advised that having considered all the information before them and with due regard to the Council's Licensing policy and objectives the Sub-Committee, and for the reasons identified by the Chairman, it was

**RESOLVED** that Mr Bogdan-Ciprian Nastasa be granted with a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Dual Drivers' Licence.

There being no further items of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.41 pm.

MRS M E THOMPSON  
CHAIRMAN