

Cannock Chase Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Licensing and Public Protection Committee
Held on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 10:00 am
In the Civic Centre, Cannock

Part 1

Present: Councillors

Arduino, L. (Chair)

Jones, P.T. Thornley, S.J.

Kenny, B. Wilson, L.J.

Kruskonjic, P.

6. Apologies

Apologies were submitted for Councillors M.J. Dunnett and P.A. Fisher.

7. Declarations of Interest of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members

No declarations of interests were received.

8. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2022 were approved as a correct record.

9. Licensing Sub-Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committees held on 2 and 28 March 2023 were noted.

10. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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11. Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Economic Prosperity (Item 6.1 – 6.13).

The Chair invited all those present to introduce themselves and then confirmed the procedure for the Hearing.

The Officer representing the Licensing Authority presented the Council's case by taking the Committee and the Applicant through the report, outlining the relevant issues for consideration.

The Applicant, Members of the Committee, and the Legal Advisor to the Committee were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer representing the Licensing Authority. Questions were asked by the Legal Advisor to the Committee, and the Chair of the Committee.

The Applicant then presented their case to the Committee.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority, Members of the Committee, and the Legal Advisor to the Committee were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant. Questions were asked by Members of the Committee and the Legal Advisor to the Committee.

The Officer representing the Licensing Authority and the Applicant were then afforded the opportunity to sum up their respective cases. Summation was provided by the Applicant only.

The Committee then deliberated in private, accompanied by the Council's Legal Advisor and Secretary to the Committee. The Officers representing the Licensing Authority and the Applicant left the room during the deliberations.

At the conclusion of the deliberations, the Officers representing the Licensing Authority and the Applicant returned to the room, and the Chair announced the decision of the Committee, as follows:

Resolved:

That, having heard all the representations made and having consideration to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, and the Council's Licensing Policy, the application for a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence be **granted**.

Reasons for Decision:

The Committee was satisfied that the Applicant was a 'fit and proper person'.

Councillor Wilson requested that her name be recorded as voting against the decision to grant the application.

The meeting closed at 10:59 am

Chair