LICENSING APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals and Complaints Committee of South Norfolk Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Wednesday 22 February 2017 at 2:00pm

Committee Members Present: Councillors: D Goldson (Chairman) C Gould and V Bell
Officers in Attendance: The Legal Advisor to the Sub Committee (T Eddison) and the Licensing and Enforcement Officers (R Setford and A Tough)

632 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

633 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was

RESOLVED: that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).
APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

(The applicant was in attendance for this item)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedure for determining the application.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer outlined the salient points of her report, explaining the reasons why the application required consideration by the Committee. She explained that the applicant had previously held a licence with SNC, prior to his conviction, but that information detailed on the previous licence was no longer available, due to the Council’s Data Retention Policy.

The applicant addressed the panel and outlined the circumstances leading to his conviction in 2013, explaining that he had made a ‘stupid mistake’ during a period of financial hardship. He advised that he had repaid the full amount of compensation awarded and had served his time in prison, as detailed in the report.

Both the applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Officer responded to a number of questions from members, after which the licensing officers and the applicant left the meeting whilst members determined the application. They were then readmitted to the meeting, and the Chairman announced the decision.

RESOLVED: that a licence be granted for a period of one year from April 2017 after which, subject to officer approval, the applicant would be permitted to apply for an extension to this term.

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm

Chairman