

Licensing Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at the Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

Licensing Committee members present:

Councillors Robinson, Baxter, C Birch, Leech, A Turner and A Vincent

Apologies for absence:

Councillors Cartridge, Cropper, George, Smith, Matthew Vincent and Williams

Other councillors present:

None.

Failure to Attend:

Councillors Armstrong and S Turner

Officers present:

Daphne Courtenage, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

Niky Barrett, Senior Licensing Officer

Mary Grimshaw, Legal Services Manager (and Monitoring Officer)

Mandy Seddon, Manager of Food, Health & Safety and Licensing

Wayne Clarke, Senior Compliance/Licensing Enforcement Officer

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

32 Declarations of Interest

The chairman indicated to the committee that due to her profession she might have a professional link to one of the applicants. However, she explained to committee that she did not know the applicant personally but wanted to make the committee aware of a potential professional connection. The legal services manager did not see an issue with this connection.

33 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 October 2021 were **approved** as a correct record by those in attendance at that meeting.

34 Exclusion of the public and press

In accordance with Paragraph 11 of the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive had determined that the reports submitted under items 5 and 6 of this agenda were "Not for Publication" because they contained "exempt information", as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

"That the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst agenda items 5 and 6 were being considered, as they referred to exempt information as defined in category 1 (information relating to any individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12(a) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Variation Order 2006 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information".

35 New applicant for a Wyre dual driver's license

The Corporate Director Environment submitted a report to provide members of licencing committee with information to assist them at the hearing.

The applicant was present at the hearing.

Decision

The licencing committee **approved** a three year licence for the applicant.

Reasons for the decision

The committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Wyre Dual Driver's licence at that time.

36 New applicant for a Wyre dual driver's licence with convictions

The Corporate Director Environment submitted a report to provide members of licencing committee with information to assist them at the hearing.

The applicant was present at the hearing and was represented by their solicitor.

Decision

The licencing committee approved a three year licence for the applicant.

Reasons for the decision

The committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Wyre Dual Driver's licence at that time and considered that they could depart from the Council's policy on convictions as the applicant's circumstances were considered exceptional.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.42 pm.

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