

## Licensing Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting of Wyre Borough Council held on Thursday, 21 June 2018 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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### **Licensing Committee members present:**

Councillors Michael Barrowclough, Colette Birch, Peter Cartridge, Sue Catterall, Terry Lees, Patsy Ormrod, Julie Robinson, Brian Stephenson, Ann Turner, Matthew Vincent, Lynn Walmsley and Val Wilson

### **Apologies:**

Councillor(s) Sue Pimbley and Christine Smith

### **Other councillors present:**

None

### **Officers present:**

Niky Barrett – Licensing Manager  
Mary Grimshaw – Senior Solicitor  
David Parry – Taxi Licensing Officer  
Carole Leary – Democratic Services Officer

No members of the public or press attended the meeting.

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### **1 Election of Chairman**

**Resolved** that Councillor Robinson be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

### **2 Election of Vice Chairman**

**Resolved** that Councillor Lynn Walmsley be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **4 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on Thursday 22 March 2018, were confirmed as a correct record

#### **5 Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** that the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst agenda items 7 & 8 were being considered, because 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 exemptions outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **6 New applicant for a Wyre dual driver licence with criminal convictions and motoring offences**

The Service Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report to provide members of the Licensing committee with information to assist them at a hearing.

The Applicant was present at the meeting, but he was not legally represented.

The Licensing Manager introduced the report.

The applicant spoke to the Committee, explaining the circumstances of his convictions, as referred to within the report with regard to his past conduct.

Members of the Committee and the Licensing Manager asked questions of the applicant, and he provided explanations of the incidents and then up to the present date.

The applicant, the Taxi Licensing Officer and the Licensing Manager then left the room whilst the Committee Members considered the application in closed session.

The Licensing Committee then reconvened and the Chairman announced the Committee's decision to everyone.

**RESOLVED** that the applicant be granted a one year Wyre dual driver's licence.

#### **The reasons for the decision were:**

The Committee were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a dual driver's licence after considering his explanations of the matters and the motoring offences referred to within the report. It was explained to the applicant how seriously Wyre Council take background checks, together with the duty of the Council to protect the travelling public and Wyre Councils requirement to assure the public that all drivers of Wyre licensed vehicles are

checked and scrutinised to an appropriate high standard. He was also informed that his progress would be monitored throughout the year and if he should commit any offences whatsoever, then he would be brought back before Licensing Committee for consideration.

## **7 New applicant for a Wyre dual driver licence with motoring offences**

The Service Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report to provide members of the Licensing committee with information to assist them at a hearing.

The Applicant was present at the meeting and supported by his Wife and a colleague that worked as a Taxi Driver, but he was not legally represented.

The Licensing Manager introduced the report.

The applicant spoke to the Committee, explaining the circumstances of his motoring offences, as referred to within the report with regard to his past conduct.

Members of the Committee and the Licensing Manager asked questions of the applicant, and he provided explanations of the incidents and then up to the present date.

He also produced a certificate of an Advanced Driving Course taken and completed 10 years prior.

The applicant and his supporters, the Taxi Licensing Officer and the Licensing Manager then left the room whilst the Committee Members considered the application in closed session.

The Licensing Committee then reconvened and the Chairman announced the Committee's decision to everyone.

**RESOLVED** that the applicant be granted a three year Wyre dual driver's licence.

### **The reasons for the decision were:**

That the Committee were satisfied after hearing all the evidence presented and that there were exceptional circumstances that warranted them departing from the policy and granting a licence.

The Committee were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a dual driver's licence after considering his explanation of the motoring offences referred to within the report. It was explained to the applicant how seriously Wyre Council take background checks, together with the duty of the Council to protect the travelling public and Wyre Councils requirement to assure the public that all drivers of Wyre licensed vehicles are checked and scrutinised to an appropriate high standard. He was also informed that his progress would be monitored and if he should commit any offences

whatsoever, then he would be brought back before Licensing Committee for consideration.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.15 pm.

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