

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Present – Councillors Mrs Fairclough (Chairman), Dean (Vice-Chairman), Fletcher, Flitcroft, Gibbon, Khurram, Mistry (as Deputy for Councillor Howarth), Morris and Newall.

Councillor Mrs Fairclough, Chairman

9. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 28th July, 2020 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

10. APPLICATION TO RENEW A SEX SHOP LICENCE

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of an application to renew a sex shop licence.

The Application related to a sex shop licence for, Private Shop, 201, St. George's Road, Bolton which had been submitted by Darker Enterprises Limited and Private Shops UK Ltd.

The application had been advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

It was moved by Councillor Newall and Seconded by Councillor Dean that the application granted.

For the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Mrs Fairclough, Dean, Fletcher, Flitcroft, Gibbon, Khurram, Mistry and Newall.

Against the Motion, Viz –

Nil.

Abstain, Viz –

Councillor Morris.

Whereupon the motion was declared carried and it was specifically resolved - That the application to renew the Sex Shop Licence be granted, as detailed in the report.

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 (financial and business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

12. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE LER/15/20

(Councillor Khurram declared an interest in the matter and left the meeting).

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence.

The applicant attended the meeting and provided verbal evidence.

It was moved by Councillor Dean and Seconded by Councillor Flitcroft that the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence be approved, finding that there are exceptional circumstances.

For the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Mrs Fairclough, Dean, Flitcroft, Gibbon, Mistry, Morris and Newall.

Against the Motion, Viz –

Councillor Fletcher.

Abstain, Viz –

Nil.

**13. MISCONDUCT BY LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER
LER/16/20**

The Director of Place submitted a report which gave details of alleged misconduct by a driver licensed to drive private hire vehicles.

The report outlined the full details of the misconduct.

The driver attended the meeting and provided verbal evidence.

It was moved by Councillor Khurram and seconded by Councillor Fletcher that no action be taken regarding the licence to drive private hire vehicles.

Whereupon an amendment was moved by Councillor Flitcroft and seconded by Councillor Dean that the licence to drive private hire vehicles be suspended for a period of four weeks.

Whereupon the amendment was put to the vote and the voting was as follows, viz –

For the Amendment, Viz –

Councillors Dean, Newall, Flitcroft and Gibbon.

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Against the Amendment, Viz –

Councillors Khurram, Mistry, Morris, Fletcher and Fairclough.

Abstain, Viz –

Nil

Whereupon the amendment was declared lost.

Whereupon the original motion was put to the vote and the voting was as follows, viz –

For the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Khurram, Mistry, Morris, Fletcher and Fairclough.

Against the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Dean, Newall, Flitcroft and Gibbon.

Abstain, Viz –

Nil

Whereupon the motion was declared carried.

(The meeting started at 2.00pm and finished at 3.08pm)