

**Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee
30 January 2020**

Present:

Councillor R.W. Sider BEM (Chairman)

Councillor K.M. Grant and N. Islam

In attendance

Mr Abdulhaq Niazi (respondent)

Mrs Niazi (Respondent's wife)

17/20 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

18/20 Exclusion of Press and Public

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 may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Act indicated below.

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual and on the basis that publication would not be in the public interest because information and documentation is personal and subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

19/20 Exempt report to determine whether Mr Abdulhaq Niazi is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

The Chairman introduced the councillors and officers present and welcomed Mr Niazi to the meeting and asked if he would be represented and/or calling any witnesses.

Mr Niazi stated that he was representing himself and that his wife was in attendance to support him.

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report of the Deputy Chief Executive in summary and outlined the matter before the Sub-Committee. The purpose of the hearing was to consider and determine whether Mr Niazi was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage driver licence.

The meeting proceeded in accordance with the procedure which accompanied the Agenda for the meeting.

The Sub-Committee then resolved to adjourn to consider its decision.

Upon reconvening the Chairman gave the decision of the Sub-Committee. He advised that the full decision with reasons would be notified to Mr Niazi in writing within fourteen days and that he had a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.

Resolved to take no further action with regards to Mr Niazi's Hackney Carriage driver licence for the reasons set out in the full decision notice to be provided within fourteen days of this Sub-Committee hearing.