

Runnymede Borough CouncilREGULATORY COMMITTEE5 April 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the Committee present: Councillors D.W.Parr (Chairman), Mrs P.I. Broadhead (Vice-Chairman), Mrs E. Gill and P.A. Greenwood.

Members of the Committee absent: Councillor Mrs F.J. Barden

645. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Group mentioned below had notified the Chief Executive Officer of their wishes that the change listed be made to the membership of the Committee. The change was for a fixed period ending on the day after the meeting and thereafter the Councillor removed would be re-appointed.

Group requesting Change	Remove from Membership	Appoint Instead
Runnymede Independent	Councillor B.J. Relph	Councillor Mrs E. Gill

The Chief Executive Officer had given effect to these wishes in accordance with Section 16 (2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

646. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 January 2005 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

647. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

By resolution of the Committee, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during the consideration of this application under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the application would be likely to involve disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The Committee considered an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence from Mr J.

The applicant attended the meeting in order to provide supporting information and answer Members questions on his application.

The Council's Proper Officer informed the Committee that the applicant had been co-operative during the processing of his application, successfully undertaken the Knowledge Test, provided satisfactory references and had his medical report approved by the Council's Medical Advisor. The one area of concern with the application was the past criminal record of the applicant, in particular that the most recent conviction and caution were less than 3 years old. The Council Guidelines relating to relevance of convictions normally expected a person with a current conviction for certain offences to remain free of conviction for 3 - 5 years according to circumstance.

The applicant provided background information to his past convictions and cautions.

In accordance with the Council Guidelines, the Committee considered the application on its merits. Having listened to the circumstances associated with the applicant's convictions and cautions it was considered that there were mitigating factors and in view of the circumstances surrounding the convictions and caution, Members did not consider that the applicant posed a threat to members of the public, and was a fit and proper person.

Having considered all the details of the application, the Chairman informed the applicant that notwithstanding the Council's Guidelines on the relevance of convictions the Committee was minded to make a one-off exception in this case in view of the particular circumstances and grant the Private Hire Driver Licence. In granting the licence, the Chairman stressed that if the applicant was responsible for any breach of the terms and conditions of the licence, the licence would be reviewed with a view to possible suspension or revocation.

**RESOLVED that -**

**a Private Hire Drivers Licence be granted to Mr J.**

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 8.35 p.m.)