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Dear Sir or Madam

The Licensing Sub-Committee – Tuesday, 26 October 2021, 10.30 am – Rickford Room - Town Hall

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee will take place as indicated above.

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Director, Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer

To: Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Councillors:

Peter Bryant, Caroline Cherry and Andy Cole.

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Agenda

1. **Election of Chairman for the meeting**
2. **Apologies for absence and notification of substitutes**
3. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37)**

A Member must declare any disclosable pecuniary interest where it relates to any matter being considered at the meeting. A declaration of a disclosable pecuniary interest should indicate the interest and the agenda item to which it relates. A Member is not permitted to participate in this agenda item by law and should immediately leave the meeting before the start of any debate.

If the Member leaves the Chamber in respect of a declaration, he or she should ensure that the Chairman is aware of this before he or she leaves to enable their exit from the meeting to be recorded in the minutes in accordance with Standing Order 37.

4. **Adoption of hearing procedure (Pages 5 - 6)**
5. **Exclusion of the press and public**

The Sub-Committee will be invited to pass the following resolution:

“(1) That the press, public, and officers not required by the Members, the Chief Executive or the Director, to remain during the exempt session, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the ground that its consideration will involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, by virtue of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act”

Also, if appropriate, the following resolution should be passed –

“(2) That members of the Council who are not members of this Sub-Committee be invited to remain.”

6. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence - Case No. 03-2021-22 (Pages 7 - 26)**

Report of the Director of Public Health
7. **Urgent business permitted by the Local Government Act 1972**

For a matter to be considered as an urgent item, the following question must be addressed: “What harm to the public interest would flow from leaving it until the next meeting”. If harm can be demonstrated, then it is open to the Chairman to rule that it be considered as urgent. Otherwise the matter cannot be considered urgent within the statutory provisions.

Exempt Items

Should the Licensing Sub-Committee wish to consider a matter as an Exempt Item, the following resolution should be passed -

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Mobile phones and other mobile devices

All persons attending the meeting are requested to ensure that these devices are switched to silent mode. The chairman may approve an exception to this request in special circumstances.

Filming and recording of meetings

The proceedings of this meeting may be recorded for broadcasting purposes.

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North Somerset Council

Licensing Sub-Committee

Procedure to be followed for meetings of the Sub-Committee relating to a review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, Combined Driver's Licence, Private Hire Operator's Licence

The Chairman introduces members of the Sub-Committee and officers present, and explains the procedure to be followed:

1. The Chairman invites the Licensing Authority's representative to outline the reasons for the review of the licence. All parties may then ask questions;
2. The Chairman invites the licence holder or his/her representative to respond. All parties may then ask questions;
3. The parties are invited to sum up;
4. The Sub-Committee withdraws to consider the submissions and to make its deliberations;
5. On returning to the meeting with all parties present, the Chairman/Legal Adviser to the Sub-Committee announces the decision.

Please note:

The Chairman appointed for the meeting shall have absolute control of the Hearing and the ruling of the Chairman shall be final.

The Legal Advisor to the Sub-Committee can assist the Chairman during the Hearing and may interrupt proceedings when it is considered necessary to ensure that the Sub-Committee is able to determine the review of the Private Hire Driver's Licence fairly.

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Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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