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## LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

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**MINUTES** of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Monday, 24 July 2017 from 9.30am - 10.20am.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Cameron Beart (Chairman), Paul Fleming and Lesley Ingham.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Tom Dunn, Della Fackrell, Robin Harris and Jo Millard.

### 118 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman made sure that those present were aware of the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

### 119 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing the Sub-Committee and the officers present.

### 120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

### Part B Minutes for Information

### 121 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**Resolved:**

***That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2:***

- 1. Information relating to any individual.***
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.***

### 122 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether Respondent A, who had accumulated a total of 12 penalty points on their Swale Drivers Badge, was a fit and proper person to hold a Taxi Driver's Badge.

The Licensing Officer detailed the incident at which Respondent A had accumulated penalty points:

6 points for false declaration; and  
6 points for code of conduct.

In response to a question from a Member, the Licensing Officer clarified that yearly renewals were issued to drivers for the first 3 years and 3-year renewals thereafter.

The Chairman asked Respondent A to present their case and Members asked questions.

The Senior Solicitor (Contentious) clarified Respondent A's understanding of traffic restrictions outside schools.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting and the decision, as attached as Appendix 1a to these minutes, was announced.

***Resolved:***

***That Respondent A's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence not be suspended and a formal warning be given.***

Chairman

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