
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 from 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart (Chairman), Tina Booth and Paul Fleming.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mohammad Bauluck, Robin Harris and Jo Millard.

572 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chairman made sure that those present were aware of the fire evacuation procedure.

573 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing the Sub-Committee and asked Officers to introduce themselves.

574 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

Part B Report for the Licensing Sub-Committee to decide

575 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

(1) That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

1. Information relating to any individual.

2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

576 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether the Respondent, who had accumulated a total of 27 penalty points on their Swale Driving Badge, was a fit and proper person to hold a Taxi Driver's badge. The Licensing Officer explained that a licensed driver was entitled to have up to 11 penalty points.

The Licensing Officer highlighted that the Respondent had failed to behave in a civil and orderly manner at all times which had resulted in 6 penalty points on their Swale Driver's badge.

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

The Senior Lawyer (Contentious) clarified the Respondent's understanding of the Council's delegated authority to bring drivers to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

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

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer (Contentious) 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 the Respondent's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of 28 days.

Chairman

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