LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Monday, 23 July 2018 from 2.30pm - 3.28 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart, Mike Dendor and Tony Winckless.

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

140 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

141 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

142 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

143 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:

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

144 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether Respondent A, who had accumulated a total of 18 penalty points on their Swale Driver's Badge, was a fit and proper person to hold a Taxi Driver's Badge.

The Licensing Officer detailed the incidents at which Respondent A had accumulated a total of 18 penalty points, noting that the Respondent had already appeared before the Licensing Sub-Committee as a result of the first two incidents:

6 points for false declaration; 6 points for code of conduct; and 6 points for a faulty tyre. The Chairman asked Respondent A to present their case and Members asked questions.

The Senior Solicitor (Contentious) clarified that the inspection had taken place by a Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) Officer.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned at 2.48pm to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer and the Senior Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting at 3.25pm and the decision, as attached as Appendix 1a to these minutes, was announced.

Resolved:

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

<u>Chairman</u>

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