
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Tuesday, 23 October 2018 from 10.02am - 11.00am.

PRESENT: Councillors Tina Booth (Chairman), Paul Fleming and Anita Walker.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Robin Harris, Chris Hills, Kellie MacKenzie and Ryan Miles.

283 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

284 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

285 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

286 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

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

287 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether the Respondent was a fit and proper person to be issued a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence. She explained that the Respondent had previously accumulated 12 penalty points on their previous Swale Driver's Licence, and 7 DVLA points for speeding leading to their licence being revoked earlier this year. The Respondent had applied for an application for a new licence on 24 July 2018. The Licensing Officer advised that the points on the Respondent's previous licence were still valid.

The Chairman asked the Respondent to present their case, and was asked questions by both Members and officers. The Respondent's employer explained

that procedures had been put in place to avoid the repeat of any such offences. A character witness for the Respondent stated that they had been a passenger on many occasions and had never known the Respondent to speed.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned at 10.20am to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer, Democratic Services Officer and Democratic Services Apprentice returned to the meeting at 10.53am and the decision, as attached at Appendix I to these minutes, was announced.

Chairman

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