
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Committee Room, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Monday, 28 January 2019 from 2.00pm - 2.55pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Cameron Beart (Chairman), Mike Dendor and Paul Fleming.

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

460 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

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

461 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

462 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

463 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.***

464 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 13 penalty points on their Swale Driver's Badge, was a fit and proper person to hold a Swale Dual Taxi Driver's Licence. The Licensing Officer explained that a driver could have up to 11 Swale penalty points, but as soon as a driver reached 12 or more penalty points, the driver was brought to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Officer detailed the incidents at which the Respondent had accumulated 13 points, as below:

- 3 points for failure to notify the Council of DVLA penalty points within 14 days; and
- 10 penalty points for giving false information on a hackney carriage licence application.

The Chairman asked the Respondent to present their case, and they were asked questions.

The Respondent explained that due to ill-health and problems around their business they had forgotten about the DVLA points on their licence. The Respondent accepted responsibility for their actions and apologised for their lapse of judgement.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer and Democratic Services Officer adjourned at 14:20 to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer and Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting at 14:45 and the decision, attached as Appendix I to these minutes was announced.

Resolved: That the Respondent's Swale Dual Taxi Driver's Licence not be suspended, but a warning be given to the Respondent.

Chairman

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