
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 2 June 2021 from 11.30 am - 12.20 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chairman), Tim Gibson and Carole Jackson.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Billy Attaway, Robin Harris and Chris Hills.

30 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

32 EXCLUSION OF 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 the Schedule 12A of the Act:

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

33 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether the Respondent, who had accumulated a total of seventeen (17) Swale penalty points on their Swale 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 17 penalty points, as below:

- Twelve points for driving a hackney carriage without a hackney carriage drivers' licence; and
- five points for a failure to notify the Council of any amendment to the details of a licence within fourteen days.

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

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:50 am to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Contentious Team Leader and the Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting at 12:15 am and the decision, attached as Appendix I to these minutes was announced.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Respondent's Swale Dual Taxi Driver's Licence not be suspended, but a warning be given to the Respondent.***

Appendix I for Minutes

Chairman

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