
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 31 August 2023 from 2.00 pm - 2.46 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chair), Carole Jackson and Tony Winckless.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Billy Attaway, Mohammad Bauluck, Jo Thomas and Helen Ward.

235 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

236 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Chair opened the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

237 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

238 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That under Section 100(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.***

239 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether the Respondent was a 'fit and proper person' for the purposes of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and whether the applicant should be granted a Dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence in line with Swale Borough Council (SBC) Taxi Policy.

The Licensing Officer advised Members that page 53 of the SBC Taxi Policy stated that if the taxi driver had been convicted of dishonesty the licence will not be granted until at least seven years had elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed.

The Chair asked the Respondent to present their case and asked questions.

The Respondent gave a supporting statement to their case.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned at 2:14 pm to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Lawyer (Contentious) and the Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting at 2:44 pm and the decision, attached as Appendix I to these minutes, was announced.

Resolved:

- (1) That the Respondent's SBC Dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence application be refused.***

Chair

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