
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 3.33 pm - 4.03 pm.

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

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

38 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

40 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 Schedule 12A of the Act:

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

41 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 12 penalty points on their Swale Private Hire Operator's licence, was a fit and proper person to continue as an operator.

The Licensing Officer detailed the incidents at which the Respondent had accumulated 12 penalty points, as below:

- Twelve points – employing an unlicensed driver in breach of section 47 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847.

The Chairman asked the Respondent to present their case, and they were asked questions. The Respondent explained that normally their computer system would have picked up that a taxi driver's licence was not up-to-date. The Respondent added that monthly checks would help to prevent this being missed going forward.

Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee, the Contentious Team Leader and the Democratic Services Officer adjourned at 3.42 pm to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Contentious Team Leader and the Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting at 4.01 pm and the decision, attached as Appendix I to these minutes, was announced.

Resolved: That the Respondent's Swale Private Hire Operator's Licence not be suspended, but a warning be given.

Appendix I for minutes

Chairman

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