
Licensing Sub-Committee

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 27 November 2024 from 10.07 am - 10.52 am.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chair), Carole Jackson and Tom Nundy.

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

390 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

391 **Notification of Chair and Outline of Procedure**

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

392 **Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

393 **Exclusion of the 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.***

394 **Consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers 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 to be granted a Dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence in line with Swale Borough Council's (SBC) Taxi Policy.

The Licensing Officer advised that upon receiving the DBS certificate there were relevant convictions which were not disclosed on the application form and which placed the application outside of the Council's Policy. The application was therefore referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for consideration.

The Chair asked the Respondent to present their case.

The Respondent provided a supporting statement to their case.

Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions and then adjourned at 10:26 am to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee and the Lawyer (Contentious) returned to the meeting at 10:53 am 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 granted.

Appendix I - Decision Notice

Chair

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