

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee
Wednesday, 28 June 2023
7.00pm to 8.51pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

Present: Councillors: McDonald (Chairperson), Browne (Vice-Chairperson), Brake, Fearn and Peake

Substitutes: Councillors:
Filmer
Howcroft-Scott

In Attendance: Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Katie Honeywood, Licensing Assistant
Emily Lane-Blackwell, Senior Licensing Officer
Vicky Nutley, Head of Legal Services
Michael Turner, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Sub-Committee elected Councillor McDonald as Chairperson and Councillor Browne as Vice Chairperson for the 2023/2024 Municipal year.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kemp and Councillor Mark Prenter.

3 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 3 February 2023 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

4 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

6 Exclusion of the press and public

The Sub-Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 7 because consideration of this matter in public would disclose information falling within paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as specified in agenda item 5 (Exclusion of press and public) and, in all the circumstances of the case, the Sub-Committee considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

7 Appeal against revocation and refusal to renew Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

Discussion:

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal from Ms H against the revocation and refusal to renew Ms H's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The Sub-Committee acknowledged that no mistakes had been made by the Licensing Team in reaching their decision to revoke Ms H's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence based on the evidence received at the time.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the written evidence including additional evidence provided during the meeting and representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee decided to uphold the appeal against the revocation and refusal to renew and confirmed that Ms H's Hackney Carriage Driver Licence would now be renewed.

Licensing Sub-Committee, 28 June 2023

Chairman

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