Medway Council Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee Friday, 4 December 2020 2.30pm to 3.31pm

Record of the meeting

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers (Chairman), Fearn (Vice-

Chairman), Kemp, Mahil, McDonald and Prenter

Substitutes: Councillors:

Carr (Substitute for Bhutia)

In Attendance: Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager

Mr K, Appellant

Vicky Nutley, Assistant Head of Legal Services Stephen Platt, Democratic Services Officer

497 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2020/2021 Municipal Year

Councillor Mrs Diane Chambers was elected Chairman and Councillor Fearn was elected Vice-Chairman for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

498 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bhutia.

499 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 8 February 2019 was agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

500 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

501 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

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Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

502 Exclusion of the press and public

Decision:

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 6 (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.

503 Appeal against the refusal of an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence

Discussion:

The Licensing Manager advised the Sub-Committee of the circumstances of the case.

Mr K addressed the Sub-Committee to make representations in mitigation and respond to questions from members of the Sub-Committee.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the written evidence and the representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee agreed to grant Mr K a Private Hire Driver Licence for a period of one year, after which, provided there are no further issues, his licence will be renewed in line with the agreed renewal application procedure.

Chairman

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