

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee
Friday, 6 August 2021
2.30pm to 3.12pm

Record of the meeting

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

Present: Councillors: Mrs Diane Chambers (Chairman), Kemp and Prenter

Substitutes: Councillors:
Carr (Substitute for Fearn)

In Attendance: Laura Caiels, Principal Lawyer - Place Team
Franco De Fazio, Senior Licensing Officer
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Mr L, Witness
Stephen Platt, Democratic Services Officer

224 Election of Chairman

Councillor Mrs Diane Chambers was elected Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year.

225 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Fearn was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the 2020/21 municipal year.

226 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fearn, Mahil and McDonald.

227 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 5 February 2021 was agreed and signed by the Chairman as correct.

228 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

229 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.

230 Exclusion of the press and public

The Sub-Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 8 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 7 (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.

231 Appeal against revocation of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

Discussion:

The Licensing Manager advised the Sub-Committee of the circumstances of the case and took Members through the documents that were included in the agenda report, responding to Members' questions.

She called Mr L as a witness and he gave a statement and responded to Members' questions.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the written evidence and the representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee refused Mr K's appeal against the revocation of his Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The decision was made in the light of the medical evidence submitted and in the absence of any medical evidence to counter this.

The Sub-Committee noted that Mr K had been invited to attend the meeting to present his appeal but had chosen not to attend.

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Chairman

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