

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee**  
**Friday, 10 November 2023**  
**1.32pm to 4.24pm**

**Record of the meeting**

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

**Present:** Councillors: McDonald, Browne, Fearn, Kemp and Peake

**Substitutes:** Councillors:  
Howcroft-Scott

**In Attendance:** Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer  
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager  
Vicky Nutley, Head of Legal Services

**356 Apologies for absence**

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

**357 Record of meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 13 October 2023 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

**358 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances**

There were none.

**359 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.

**360 Exclusion of the press and public**

The Sub-Committee agreed to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 6 and 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.

**361 Appeal against revocation of Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

**Discussion:**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal from Mr B against the revocation of his Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

**Decision:**

After careful consideration of the written evidence and the representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee refused Mr B's appeal against the revocation of his Hackney Carriage Driver Licence. The decision was made in the light of the lack of a valid DBS due to a pending court case and the requirement to have a valid DBS to comply with the council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

**362 Determination of application for Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

**Discussion:**

The Sub-Committee determined an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence from Mr M and considered whether he should be granted an exemption from driving a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

**Decision:**

After careful consideration of the written evidence and the representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee determined that Mr M could be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence however he would not be granted a medical exemption or vehicle exemption based on the evidence provided and would therefore need to comply with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy and drive a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

**Licensing Sub-Committee, 10 November 2023**

**Chairperson**

**Date:**

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