

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee
Friday, 8 December 2023
2.34pm to 4.10pm

Record of the meeting

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

Present: Councillors: Brake, Browne, Kemp, McDonald, Peake and Louwella Prenter

In Attendance: Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Mandy Francis, Licensing Manager
Katie Honeywood, Licensing Officer
Venky Krishnan, Prosecutions, Litigation and Licensing Lawyer

446 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Fearn.

447 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 10 November 2023 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

448 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

449 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.

450 Exclusion of the press and public

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

451 Appeal against penalty points issued and review of Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

Discussion:

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal from Mr M against penalty points issued and a review of his Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

Decision:

After careful consideration of the written evidence and oral representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee reduced the penalty points awarded from 12 points to 6 points. However, as the driver already had 6 existing penalty points on his Hackney Carriage Licence for a previous motoring offence, the imposition of a further 6 points meant that the threshold of 12 points had been reached, such that the sub-committee determined to revoke his Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Sub-Committee considered that the driver's overall actions had not met the high driving standards necessary set by Medway Council to continue as a licensed Hackney Carriage driver.

Chairperson

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