

**Medway Council**  
**Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee**  
**Friday, 19 April 2024**  
**9.38am to 2.50pm**

**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), Peake and Louwella Prenter

**In Attendance:** Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer  
Franco De Fazio, Senior Licensing Officer  
Venky Krishnan, Prosecutions, Litigation and Licensing Lawyer  
Emily Lane-Blackwell, Assistant Licensing Manager

**752 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brake, Fearn and Kemp.

**753 Record of meeting**

The record of the meeting held on 9 February 2024 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

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

There were none.

**755 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.

**756 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, 7 and 8 because consideration of these matters 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 cases, the Sub-Committee considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**757 Appeal against revocation of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence**

**Discussion:**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against the revocation of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence.

**Decision:**

After careful consideration of the written evidence and the representations made at the meeting, the sub-committee determined that the appellant should be given 6 points for a road traffic violation and 6 points for failure to comply with the Medway Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in relation to reporting requirements and for driving a vehicle that was a non-wheelchair accessible vehicle.

**758 Appeal against revocation and refusal to renew a Private Hire Driver Licence**

**Discussion:**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against the revocation and refusal to renew a Private Hire Driver Licence.

**Decision:**

After careful consideration of the written evidence and oral representations made at the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee determined that the appellant should be given 6 points for speeding offences and 6 points for the failure to disclose speeding offences and for failure to update the DBS Update Service.

**759 Appeal against penalty points issued and review of Private Hire Driver Licence**

**Discussion:**

The Sub-Committee considered an appeal against penalty points issued and a review of the Private Hire Driver Licence.

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### **Decision:**

After careful consideration of the written evidence and oral representations made at the meeting, the Licensing Sub-Committee decided to uphold the appeal and remove the 12 penalty points that had been imposed.

### **Chairperson**

### **Date:**

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