

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee
Friday, 20 June 2025
1.03pm to 2.00pm

Record of the meeting

Present: Councillors: McDonald (Chairperson), Browne (Vice-Chairperson), Kemp, Peake and Sands

In Attendance: Helen Buddin, Licensing Officer
Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Katie Honeywood, Assistant Licensing Manager
Joanna Horne, Lawyer
Venky Krishnan, Prosecutions, Litigation and Licensing Lawyer

109 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Sub-Committee elected Councillor McDonald as Chairperson and Councillor Browne as Vice Chairperson for the 2025/2026 Municipal year.

110 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fearn and Nestorova.

111 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 11 April 2025 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

112 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

113 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.

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There were none.

114 Exclusion of the press and public

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

115 Appeal against the revocation of a Private Hire Driver Licence

Discussion:

The Licensing Sub Committee considered an appeal against the revocation of a Private Hire Driver Licence.

Decision:

The committee listened carefully to all the written and oral submissions from the appellant and the Licensing Authority.

After careful consideration of the representations made at the meeting, the Sub-Committee decided to dismiss the appeal against the revocation of the Private Hire Licence and uphold the Licensing decision to revoke the Private Hire Driver Licence due to the duty to ensure the safeguarding and safety of all passengers.

Chairperson

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