

Medway Council
Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee
Friday, 6 February 2026
1.04pm to 3.10pm
Record of the meeting

Present: Councillors: McDonald (Chairperson), Fearn, Nestorova and Sands

Substitutes: Councillors:
Howcroft-Scott
Jackson

In Attendance: Nicola Couchman, Democratic Services Officer
Victoria Finnigan, Licensing Officer
Katie Honeywood, Assistant Licensing Manager
Kyle Rogers, Lawyer

698 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Browne, Kemp and Peake.

699 Record of meeting

The record of the meeting held on 20 June 2025 was agreed and signed by the Chairperson.

700 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were none.

701 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other significant interests (OSIs)

There were none.

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Other interests

There were none.

702 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 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.

703 Appeal against refusal to renew Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

Discussion:

The Licensing Sub Committee considered an appeal against the refusal to renew a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

Decision:

The Sub-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 uphold the appeal and allow the renewal of the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence, however, 9 penalty points would be added to the Hackney Carriage Driver Licence due to speeding and failure to notify, and the driver will need to complete a Driving Standards Assessment within 3 months of the date of the decision and submit this to the Licensing Team.

704 Appeal against penalty points issued

Due to ill health of the driver, the appeal was deferred to a later date.

Chairperson

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