

## Appeals Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **10<sup>th</sup> March 2014**.

### **Present:**

Cllr. Burgess (Chairman);

Cllrs. Bennett, Britcher

### **Also Present:**

Cllr. Mortimer (Reserve)

Appellant.

Licensing Manager, Licensing Officer, Legal Advisor, Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer.

## **338 Election of Chairman**

### **Resolved:**

**That Councillor Burgess be elected as Chairman for this meeting of the Appeals Committee.**

## **339 Minutes**

### **Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.**

## **340 Exclusion of the Public**

### **Resolved:**

**That pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, namely 'Appeal Against the refusal to grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence' as it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure of exempt information hereinafter specified by reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

### **341 Appeal against the Refusal to grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence**

The Chairman explained the procedure to be followed.

The Licensing Manager had submitted a report which outlined the case. He went through the case and explained the decision to refuse to grant the Appellant a Private Hire Drivers licence.

The Appellant then put his case to the Committee.

The Appellant, Licensing Manager, Licensing Officer and Cllr Mortimer then left the meeting and the Committee retired to make its decision.

The Appellant, Licensing Manager, Licensing Officer and Cllr Mortimer then returned as the Committee wished to put some questions to both the Appellant and Licensing Manager.

The Appellant, Licensing Manager, Licensing Officer and Cllr Mortimer then left the meeting and the Committee retired to make its decision.

The Appellant, Licensing Manager, Licensing Officer and Cllr Mortimer then returned to be advised of the decision.

#### **Resolved:**

**The Committee allowed the appeal and that the Appellant be granted a 1 year Private Hire Drivers Licence.**

The Legal Advisor advised the Appellant that if he received any further convictions or breached the Private Hire Driver Conditions, his licence may be revoked and any subsequent Appeal would likely be upheld.

The Chairman reiterated to the Appellant that the Committee expected him to maintain a clean record and this would be checked and monitored by Officers.

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