

Appeals Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in Committee Room No.1 (Fougères Room), Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **15th February 2016**.

Present:

Cllr. Michael (Chairman);

Cllrs. Hicks, Krause.

Cllr. Mrs Webb (Reserve).

Also Present:

Appellant.

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

316 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Michael be elected as Chairman for this Meeting of the Appeals Committee.

317 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 4th June 2015 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

318 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 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.

319 Appeal Against Refusal to Grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Councillors and Officers present were introduced. The Chairman welcomed all present and explained the procedure to be followed. The Committee confirmed that they had received and read the agenda papers.

The Licensing Officer had submitted a report which outlined the case. She 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 Licensing Officer, Licensing Manager and the Appellant then answered questions from Councillors.

The Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Committee's return, the Legal Advisor read out the 'Decision and Reasoning's Statement' that had been prepared by the Appeals Committee. Copies of this were handed to the Appellant and the Officers present and would also be sent to the Appellant after the meeting, along with the minutes and a decision letter.

Resolved:

- That (i) the application for a private hire driver's licence be refused.**
- (ii) a further application would not be entertained until a twelve month lapse from this current application dated 11th November 2015.**