

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 **14th March 2017**.

Present:

Cllr. Wedgbury (Chairman);

Cllrs. Mrs Dyer, MacPherson.

Apology:

Cllr. Apps.

Also Present:

Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer, Legal Advisor, Member Services Officer.

333 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

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

334 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 15th February 2016 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

335 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, where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

336 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 Member Services Officer advised that the Appellant had arrived for the meeting, however did not wish to attend in person and relayed a statement on their behalf.

The Licensing Officer 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 Licensing Officer 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 would also be sent to the Appellant after the meeting, along with the minutes and a decision letter.

Resolved:

That the application for a private hire driver's licence be refused.