

Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held in Committee Room No.2 (Bad Münstereifel Room), Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **6th July 2016**.

Present:

Cllr. Shorter (Chairman);

Cllrs. Bradford, Pickering

Cllr. Krause (Reserve).

Also Present:

Licence Holder, Licence Holder's Representative

Health, Parking and Community Safety Manager, Licensing Officer, Legal Advisor, Senior Member Services Officer.

65 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Shorter be elected as Chairman for this Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee.

66 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 22nd October 2015 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

67 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 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 7 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.

68 Review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

Everyone present was introduced. The Chairman welcomed everyone and explained the procedure to be followed. The Sub-Committee Members confirmed that they had received and read the agenda papers.

The Health, Parking and Community Safety Manager had submitted a report which outlined the case. The Licensing Officer gave a precis of the report and explained the recommendation to revoke the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The Licence Holder and his representative then gave his account of the events referred to in the report to the Sub-Committee.

Officers, the Licence Holder and his representative then answered questions from the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Officer then summed up the case on behalf of the Council.

The Licence Holder and his representative then summed up his case.

The Sub-Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Sub-Committee's return, the Legal Advisor read out the 'Decision and Reasoning's Statement' that had been prepared by the Licensing Sub-Committee. Due to the lateness of the hour, and as the Licence Holder and his representative were no longer present, the decision was relayed by telephone by the Health, Parking and Community Safety Manager. Copies of the statement were handed to the Officers present and would also be sent to the Licence Holder the following day, along with a decision letter.

Resolved:

That the Licence Holder is not a 'fit and proper person' and that their Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence should be revoked with immediate effect.