

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **25th April 2024**.

Present:

Cllr. Feacey (Chair);

Cllrs. Smith, Wright.

Also Present:

Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer, Principal Litigator, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Democratic Services Officer, Democratic Services Officer.

Applicant, Applicant's Character Witness.

395 Election of Chair

Resolved:

That Councillor Feacey be elected as Chair for this Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee.

396 Declaration Of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Feacey	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he had worked with the taxi trade in his previous job.	399

397 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of this Sub-Committee held on 23 January 2024, 30 January 2024 and 6 February 2024 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

398 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 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

399 Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

The Licensing Officer had submitted a report which outlined the case. The background to the granting of the licences, the reasons for the review and the options available to the Sub-Committee were outlined.

The Applicant then put their case to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant's Character Witness then spoke in support of the Applicant.

The Sub-Committee then asked questions of the Applicant and the Licensing Officer.

The Sub-Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Sub-Committee's return, the Democratic Services Officer read out the 'Decision and Reasonings Statement' that had been prepared by the Regulatory Sub-Committee. A copy of this was emailed to the Appellant after the close of the meeting and would also be sent, along with the Minutes and decision letter, once those had been completed.

Resolved:

That no further action be taken.