

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in Committee Room No. 2, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **9th February 2022 at 10am.**

Present:

Cllr. Rogers (Chairman);

Cllrs. Shorter, Wright.

Cllr. Michael (reserve).

Also Present:

Licensing Officer, Environmental Protection & Licensing Team Leader, Principal Litigator, Member Services Officer, Senior Member Services Officer.

274 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Rogers be elected as Chairman for this Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee.

275 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.

276 Review of 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 review the Appellants Private Hire Drivers licence.

The Senior Member Services Officer then read out a statement submitted by the Appellant to the Committee.

The Licensing Officer then answered questions from Councillors.

The Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Committee's return, the Senior Member Services Officer read out the 'Decision and Reasoning's Statement' that had been prepared by the Regulatory Sub-Committee. Copies of this would be sent to the Appellant after the meeting, along with the minutes and a decision letter.

Resolved:

That:

1. That the Private Hire Drivers Licence be suspended for a period of four weeks.
2. That the Private Hire Driver be required to undertake a Remedial Course run by the Blue Lamp Trust by no later than 4th April 2022, with the submission of the attendance certificate to the Councils Licensing Officer upon said attendance. Should this not be undertaken by this date and the certificate provided to the Licensing Officer by no later than 4pm on 4th April 2022 then the Private Hire Drivers Licence will be revoked. In the event that the Blue Lamp Trust Remedial Course is cancelled/withdrawn by the provider and another course is not provided within the time period indicated above, upon evidence being provided to the Councils Licensing Officer then the licence will continue to be suspended until the completion of the next available course provided by the nominated provider or an alternative remedial/driver speed awareness course as instructed by the Local Authority.
3. That the Private Hire Driver re-read the Councils Taxi Licensing Policy and confirm to the Councils Licensing Officer in writing that this had been read and understood by 4pm on 4th April 2022.

The Regulatory Sub-Committee requests that the Licensing Team remind Private Hire Drivers licenced by this Authority of their responsibilities to report any offences to the Council within 48 hours.