

Appeals Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **23rd April 2018 at 10.00am.**

Present:

Cllr. Waters (Chairman);

Cllrs. Farrell, Hicks

Also Present:

Appellant, Appellant's Legal Representative, Appellant's Father.

Environmental Protection & Licensing Team Leader, Licensing Officer, Legal Advisor, Member Services Officer.

423 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

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

424 Minutes

The Chairman did not feel it was appropriate to agree the Minutes of the previous meeting since no other members of the Committee had been present.

425 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 and Private Hire Operators 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 1 and 2 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.

426 Appeal Against the Refusal to Grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence and Refusal to Grant an Operators Licence

The Councillors and Officers present were introduced. The Chairman welcomed all present and along with the Legal Advisor, both 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. He went through the case and explained the decision to refuse to grant the Appellant a Private Hire Drivers licence and Private Hire Operators Licence.

The Appellant's Legal Representative then put his case to the Committee.

The Licensing Officer and the Appellant's Legal Representative 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 and his Legal Representative after the meeting, along with the Minutes and a decision letter.

Resolved:

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence and Private Hire Operators Licence be refused. No further application will be considered before 3 years from the date of conviction.