

## **Appeals Committee**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 10am.**

### **Present:**

Cllr. MacPherson (Chairman);

Cllrs. A. Howard, Link.

### **Apology:**

Cllr. Sims.

### **Also Present:**

Appellant, Appellant's Friend.

Licensing Officer, Legal Advisor, Member Services Officer.

## **451 Election of Chairman**

### **Resolved:**

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

## **452 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 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.**

## **453 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 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 Appellant, aided by his friend then put his case to the Committee.

The Licensing Officer and the Appellant 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 and the Officers decision upheld.**