

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Appeals Committee held in Committee Room No. 2, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **17th November 2022**.

Present:

Cllr. Rogers (Chairman);

Cllrs. Pickering, Lyn Suddards.

Apologies:

Cllr. Michael (Reserve).

Also Present:

Licensing Officer (JP), Licensing Officer (AS), Principal Litigator, Policy and Democratic Services Assistant, Member Services Manager.

Applicant.

214 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

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

215 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of this Sub-Committee held on the 5th January and 9th February 2022 be approved and confirmed as correct records.

216 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.

217 Determination of an Application for 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 Sub-Committee Members confirmed that they had received and read the agenda papers.

The Licensing Officer had submitted a report which outlined the application. He went through the circumstances of the application, drew attention to the relevant parts of Guidance and Ashford Borough Council's Taxi Licensing Policy and outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant then addressed the Sub-Committee. He gave some details of his background and outlined the reasons for making the application. He hoped they would look favourably upon it.

The Applicant then answered questions from Councillors.

The Sub-Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Sub-Committee's return, the Chairman read out the 'Decision and Reasonings Statement' that had been prepared by the Regulatory Sub-Committee. Copies of this were given to the Applicant and all present.

Resolved:

That the application as made be refused.