

## **Regulatory Sub-Committee**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in Committee Room No.1, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9.30am.**

### **Present:**

Cllr. Michael (Chairman);

Cllrs. L Suddards, Wright.

### **Apology:**

Cllr. Walder.

### **Also Present:**

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

Applicant.

## **256 Election of Chair**

### **Resolved:**

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

## **257 Minutes**

### **Resolved:**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.**

## **258 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.**

## **259 Determination of an Application for a Private Hire Drivers 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 Environmental Protection & Licensing Team Leader 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.

The Applicant then answered questions from Councillors.

The Sub-Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Sub-Committee's return, the Chair 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 joint private hire and hackney drivers licence be granted with the following condition that will stay on the license for the duration until either surrendered, revoked or withdrawn but will come off at the time of renewal if applicable.**

- **Should there be any complaints or allegations of discrimination in any form, received by Ashford Borough Council during the period of the licence (namely three years) then this is automatically to be referred to be dealt with by a Regulatory Sub-Committee and not dealt with at officer level.**