

Licensing Sub Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing-Sub Committee held in the Customer Contact Centre Meeting Room, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **26th February 2020**.

Present:

Cllr. Burgess (Chairman)

Cllrs. Feacey, Wright.

Also Present:

Cllr. Shorter (Observer)

Applicant

Licensing Officer, Licensing Officer (Observer), Legal Advisor, Member Services Officer.

306 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor Burgess be elected as Chairman for this Meeting of the Licensing Sub Committee.

307 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burgess made a Voluntary Announcement during the proceedings, as it came to light that he had worked for the same company as the applicant many years previously, but he confirmed that he did not know the applicant.

308 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 28th January 2020 and the 7th February 2020 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

309 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 'Consideration of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's 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, 2 and 7 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.

310 Consideration of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The Councillors and Officers present were introduced. The Chairman welcomed all present and the Legal Adviser 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 drew attention to this and highlighted the key points within the report.

The Applicant put his case to the Committee and provided a copy of a reference from a previous employer, supporting his good character and his application.

The Licensing Officer and Applicant answered questions from Councillors, which included additional training resources available to the trade.

The Committee then retired to make its decision.

On the Committee's return, the Chairman read out the 'Decision and Reasoning's Statement' that had been prepared by the Sub Committee. A copy of this document was provided to the Applicant at the meeting. Further, it was advised that a copy of this would also be sent to the Applicant after the meeting, along with the Minutes and a Decision Letter.

Resolved:

That the licence be granted.