

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **23rd January 2024**.

Present:

Cllr. Hallett (Chair);

Cllrs. Feacey, McGeever

Also Present:

Licensing Officer (AS), Licensing Officer (JP), Principal Litigator, Senior Member Services Officer.

Applicant, Applicant's Sister.

275 Election of Chair

Resolved:

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

276 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 11th October 2023 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

277 Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Interest	Minute No.
Feacey	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he used to work with members of the taxi trade in his previous employment, he no longer carried out such work.	279

278 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.

279 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 Licensing Officer (AS) had submitted a report which outlined the case. She went through the background to the application and the history of the Applicant. She outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant, then put his case to the Committee.

The Applicant's Sister provided a character witness statement to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee then asked questions of the Applicant and the Licensing Officer (AS).

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. A copy of this was emailed to the Applicant and would also be sent to all present, along with the Minutes and decision letter.

Resolved:

That the Private Hire Drivers Licence application be refused.