

Regulatory Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **6th February 2024**.

Present:

Cllr. Hallett (Chair);

Cllrs. McGeever, Wright.

Also Present:

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

Applicant, Applicant's Character Witness.

Apologies:

Cllr. Shilton.

299 Election of Chair

Resolved:

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

300 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.

301 Application for a Private Hire Driver's 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 Team Leader – Environmental Protection & Licensing had submitted a report which outlined the case. He went through the background to the application and the history of the Applicant. He outlined the options available to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant then put his case to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant's Character Witness then spoke in support of the Applicant.

The Sub-Committee then asked questions of the Applicant and the Team Leader – Environmental Protection & Licensing.

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 handed to the Appellant at the meeting and would also be sent to all present, along with the Minutes and decision letter.

Resolved:

To refuse the application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence as applied for.