

Licensing Sub Committee

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing-Sub Committee held in Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **15th April 2019 at 10am.**

Present:

Cllr. Shorter (Chairman);

Cllrs. Bradford, Farrell, Krause.

Also Present:

Taxi Driver, Taxi Driver's Spouse.

Licensing Officer, Business Support Officer, Environmental Protection & Licensing Team Leader, Legal Advisor, Member Services Officer.

429 Election of Chairman

Resolved:

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

430 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Farrell declared an Other Significant Interest as the Taxi Driver was known to him. He withdrew from the Meeting and the reserve Member, Councillor Krause, took his place on the Sub-Committee.

431 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on the 15th March 2019 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

432 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 'Review & Determination of Penalty Points on a Taxi 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 and 2 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.

433 Review & Determination of Penalty Points on a Taxi Licence

The Councillors and Officers present were introduced. The Chairman welcomed all present and 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 went through the case and explained the decision to allocate penalty points to the driver, and the history of these being refused.

The Taxi Driver then put his case to the Committee.

The Licensing Officer and the Taxi Driver then answered questions from Councillors.

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 Taxi Driver at the meeting. Further, it was advised that a copy of this would also be sent to the Taxi Driver after the meeting, along with the Minutes and a Decision Letter.

Resolved:

That a total of 12 penalty points be added to the licence, with no suspension for any period or revocation of the licence. The Taxi Driver agreed to the addition of these points on his licence.