
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 20 November 2025 from 10.08 am - 11.10 am.

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Clark, Carole Jackson and Lee-Anne Moore (Chair).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mohammad Bauluck, Alona Diachenko, Kellie MacKenzie and Helen Ward.

478 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

479 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIR AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

The Chair opened the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

480 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

481 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

That under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Schedule 12A of the Act:

- 1. Information relating to any individual.***
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.***

482 CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCE

The Licensing Officer introduced the report which sought to consider whether the Respondent was a 'fit and proper' person for the purposes of holding a Dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Chair asked the Applicant to present their case.

The Applicant clarified their case and provided additional documentation in the form of two Private Hire Vehicle licences purportedly issued by Canterbury City Council.

It was explained to the Applicant the existence of these licences contradicted the evidence that had been provided by Canterbury City Council.

Members of the Sub-Committee asked questions including whether the Applicant would have an objection to an adjournment to allow the Licensing Officers to clarify the licences provided with Canterbury City Council. The Licensing Sub-Committee then adjourned at 10.43 am to allow the Licensing Officer to contact Canterbury City Council.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer (Contentious), and the Licensing Officer returned to the meeting at 11:05 am.

The Chair asked the Applicant and Members for comments, and then Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer (Contentious), and the Democratic Services Officer adjourned at 11:06 am to make their decision. The Applicant left the meeting.

Members of the Sub-Committee, the Senior Lawyer (Contentious) and the Democratic Services Officer returned to the meeting at 11.10 am. The decision of notice is attached as Appendix I to these minutes.

Resolved:

(1) That the Applicant's Swale Borough Council Dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence application be refused.

Appendix I - The Decision of Notice

Chair

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