
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 from 10.31 am - 10.55 am.

PRESENT: Councillors Simon Clark, Carole Jackson and Tony Winckless (Chair).

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

758 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

759 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIR AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

760 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

761 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.***

762 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 supporting documents.

The Chair invited Members and the Senior Lawyer Contentious to ask questions.

The Applicant explained that he had lived in the UK for two years, his Certificate of Good Conduct from Afghanistan had been lost; the Afghan Embassy was currently closed, so he was unable to obtain a replacement physical copy. He explained the steps that had been taken to obtain a replacement.

The Applicant's representative, Training and Employment Officer of the Canterbury City Council provided a supporting statement for the Applicant.

The Chair invited the Applicant to summarise his closing remarks.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned at 10.47 am to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee and the Senior Lawyer (Contentious) returned to the meeting at 10.55 am and the decision, attached as Appendix I to these minutes, was announced.

Resolved:

(1) That the Applicant's Swale Borough Council Dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence application be granted subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

Chair

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