
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 30 April 2026 from 10.31 am - 11.08 am.

PRESENT: Councillors Derek Carnell (Chair), Simon Clark and Tony Winckless.

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

897 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair outlined the emergency evacuation procedure.

898 NOTIFICATION OF CHAIR AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE

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

899 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

900 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.***

901 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. He explained that the first Taxi application submitted on behalf of him by the secretary of the company had made a mistake and ticked the boxes on the form to indicate that he did not have any traffic offences from the DVLA.

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

In response, the Applicant explained that an error was not spotted by him because he had not checked the first Taxi application. He acknowledged that it was his fault, and he would take care in completing paperwork in future to ensure it was accurate and correct.

The Applicant outlined the circumstances surrounding the six DVLA penalty points for an offence committed on 23 September 2023 for using a vehicle uninsured against third party risk.

The Chair invited the Applicant to summarise his closing remarks.

Members of the Sub-Committee adjourned at 10.53 am to make their decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee and the Senior Lawyer (Contentious) returned to the meeting at 11.06 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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