

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 16 March 2023

PRESENT: Councillor B S Banks – Chair.

Councillors M L Beuttell, J Clarke and P A Jordan.

7 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 13th October 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8 MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to individuals and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

10 LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee's Procedure was received and noted.

11 CONVICTIONS GUIDANCE

The Council's Guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions was received and noted.

12 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

With the assistance of a report by the Head of Community (a copy of which is appended in the annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered the case of Mr GC which had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration.

Following an introduction by the Licensing Officer, Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this case. Additional documentation was also provided to the members of the sub-committee by the licence holder.

Mr GC was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee. Following questions from Members he then left the meeting to enable the Sub-Committee to make their determination.

At 11.00am, the licence holder and licencing officers returned to the meeting to respond to further questions from the Sub-Committee before Members retired again.

The Sub-Committee then considered the case, the information within the committee report and appendices together with the submission and responses given by the applicant. The Sub-Committee also considered the District Council's guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions, the District Council's Schedule of Conditions of licence, the legislative and policy provisions, statutory guidance and advice from their legal representative.

Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

to suspend the Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver licence for a period of 12 months commencing on 7th April 2023.

The Licence Holder was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

Chair