

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT, on Tuesday, 19 December 2023 at 10.00 am

Present:

Cllr Tony Lock (Chair), Cllr Simon Coles, Cllr Andy Soughton

4 Appointment of Chair for the Sub-Committee - Agenda Item 1

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Tony Lock be appointed as Chair for this meeting of the Regulatory Sub Committee.

5 Apologies for Absence - Agenda Item 2

Apologies had been received from Councillor Hugh Davies. Councillor Simon Coles was present as his substitute and replacement member for this meeting.

6 Declarations of Interest - Agenda Item 3

There were no declarations of interest.

7 Procedure to be followed when considering Licensing of Hackney Carriage Private Hire Drivers, Vehicles, Operators and related enforcement - Agenda Item 4

The Regulatory Sub-Committee noted the procedure to be followed when considering Licensing of Hackney Carriage Private Hire Drivers, Vehicles, Operators and related enforcement. The Chair introduced the members of the Sub-Committee and the Officers present at the hearing.

The Chairman confirmed that the Officer's report relating to the case, the procedure to be adopted during the hearing and the documents which the authority is required to provide under the Regulations had been received by all Parties in advance of the meeting.

8 Consideration of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence - Agenda Item 5

It was proposed and seconded to exclude the press and public from the meeting.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the meeting in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Schedule 12A to the Act, i.e. information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The Sub-Committee followed the procedure set out in the agenda annex.

The Licensing Specialist presented the report outlining the details of the case and the reason for bringing the case before the Regulatory Sub-Committee.

There were no questions from the applicant to the Licensing Specialist.

Members sought some points of clarification from the Licensing Specialist.

The applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee.

All parties were given the opportunity to question the applicant.

All parties withdrew with the exception of the Legal Specialist and the Democratic Services Officer leaving the Sub-Committee to consider its decision.

Upon reconvening, the Chair announced the decision of the Sub-Committee. This was given verbally to the applicant. A written Decision Notice would be sent to the applicant within 5 working days of the hearing.

RESOLVED: That the Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver’s Licence be revoked.

REASON: The Sub-Committee were not satisfied that the driver was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

9 Minutes of the Sub-Committee - Agenda Item 6

It was proposed and seconded to authorise the Chair of this meeting to agree the accuracy and sign the minutes as a correct record following circulation to the members of the Sub-Committee.

(The meeting ended at 11.50 am)

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CHAIR