

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 January 2017 at 10.00 am in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Linda Potts (Chairman); Councillors Dellar, Crow-Brown, Matterface, Rogers, Tomlinson, J Fairbrass, Savage, M Saunders, Connor and R Potts

363. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Curran, Falcon and Howes.

364. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

365. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Rogers proposed, Councillor M. Saunders seconded and Members agreed the minutes of the Licensing Board meeting held on 22 November 2016.

366. LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor Connor proposed, Councillor R. Potts seconded and Members agreed the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 22 November 2016.

367. REPORT ON PROSECUTIONS, APPEALS AND LICENSING UPDATE

The Regulatory Services Manager presented the report.

Members noted the report.

368. REPORT TO CONSIDER ANY REVISION OF THE TARIFF FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

The Regulatory Services Manager presented the report.

Councillor Matterface proposed, Councillor Tomlinson seconded and Members agreed:

“Option 3.1- To make no revisions to the current tariff.”

369. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda item 8 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

370. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Licensing Officer introduced the report to consider a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicles and provided Members with copies of reference letters submitted by the applicant and newspaper articles relating to the applicant's conviction.

The applicant addressed the Board.

The Regulatory Services Manager asked questions of the applicant.

Members asked questions of the applicant.

Councillor Tomlinson proposed, Councillor Matterface seconded and Members agreed the following:

“The Board decided on option 3.4, to revoke the applicant’s licence to drive a private hire vehicle. The Board did not think the applicant was a fit and proper person because of the conviction for dishonesty. The applicant said that no individual had suffered but the Board considered that his actions may well have affected people’s lives. The Board considered the applicant’s request for a second chance but also having considered the Council’s guidelines of 3-5 years free of conviction, the Board did not consider the applicant was a fit and proper person to have a licence.”

Meeting concluded : 10.35am