

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2022 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Sam Bambridge (Chair); Councillors Rogers, Ara, Currie, Dexter, Potts, M Saunders, Shrubbs, Smith, Wing and Wright

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Dennis Huxley and Scobie.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Wright proposed, Councillor Saunders seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Board held on 5 April 2022 be signed as a correct record.

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Shrubbs proposed, Councillor Rogers seconded and Members agreed:

‘That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for agenda item 5 as it contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the local government act 1972 (as amended).’

5. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Ms Phillips, Principal Litigation Solicitor, made the introductory remarks by advising on the meeting procedure for the discussion of the item.

Ms Malyn, Licensing Officer, presented the report.

Members asked questions of the Licensing Officer.

The Applicant addressed the Members.

The Licensing Officer asked questions of the Applicant.

Members asked questions of the Applicant.

Ms Stocker, Senior Licensing Officer, asked questions of the Applicant.

Following the debate, Members of the Board agreed the following:

‘Upon considering the application for a Licence to Drive Private Hire Vehicles of Mr Ahmad Haidarian to the Licensing Board of Thanet District Council, having considered the documentation and representations made by;

1. The Licensing Officer – Ms Malyn

2. The Applicant – Mr Haidarian

As part of the decision, the Board considered that it was necessary to communicate to Mr Haidarian that the behaviour that led to the caution against him was unacceptable; it raised legitimate concerns as to whether he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence, and posed a risk to the safety of the public when considering TDC Licensing Policy and the LGMPA 1976 .

In light of the above considerations it was the decision of the Licensing Board to;

Grant the application on the condition that Mr Haidarian works for Central Cars or another reputable Taxi firm for the duration of the year, and that if there was a complaint of any behaviour during this period of a similar nature as to what led to the caution, the licence would be revoked immediately.'

Meeting concluded: 10.50am