

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2023 at 10.00 am in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Alan Currie (Chair); Councillors Huxley, Ara, Dennis, Driver, Makinson, Manners, Pat Moore, Owen-Hughes, Rogers, Scobie, Wing and Wright

In Attendance:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bambridge and Towing.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Wing proposed, Councillor H. Scobie seconded and Members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Board held on 13 June 2023 be signed as a correct record.

4. LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor Manners proposed, Councillor Driver seconded and Members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 9 June 2023 be signed as a correct record.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Councillor Rogers proposed, Councillor Wright seconded and members agreed:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting on agenda items 6, 7, 8 and 9 as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (1)

Mrs French (Licensing Officer) introduced The Applicant.

The Applicant had no questions for Mrs French.

Members of the Board asked questions directed to Mrs French.

The Applicant addressed the Board.

Mrs French asked a question directed to the Applicant.

Members of the Board asked questions directed to the Applicant.

Following the discussion, the applicant and Licensing Officers were asked to leave the room whilst the Board deliberated.

Once the Board came to a decision, the applicant and Licensing Officers were invited back into the meeting room and Ms Phillips, Principal Litigation Lawyer addressed the meeting and read out the Board decision which was as detailed below:

“Upon considering whether to grant or refuse the licence to drive a private hire vehicle to the Applicant and having considered the documentation and representations made by:

1 - The Licensing Officer;

2 - The Applicant;

It is the decision of the Licensing Board to;

Refuse the grant of a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicle to the Applicant as it did not appear to the board that the full implications of the circumstances that lead to the revocation of the previous licence had been appreciated.”

7. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (2)

Mrs French introduced the applicant.

The Applicant had no questions for Mrs French.

Members of the board asked questions directed to Mrs French.

The Applicant addressed the board.

Mrs French asked questions directed to the Applicant.

Members asked questions directed to the Applicant.

Following the discussion, Licensing Officers were asked to leave the room whilst the Board deliberated.

Once the Board came to a decision, Licensing Officers were invited back into the meeting room and Ms Phillips, Principal Litigation Lawyer addressed the meeting and read out the Board decision which was as detailed below:

“Upon considering whether to grant or refuse the licence to drive a private hire vehicle to the Applicant and having considered the documentation and representations made by:

1 - The Licensing Officer;

2 - The Applicant;

It is the decision of the Licensing Board to;

Grant the application for a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicles to the Applicant with a warning.”

8. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (3)

Mrs French introduced The Applicant.

The Applicant had no questions for Mrs French.

Members of the Board had no questions for Mrs French.

The Applicant addressed the board.

Members asked questions directed to the Applicant.

Following the discussion, the applicant and Licensing Officers were asked to leave the room whilst the Board deliberated.

Once the Board came to a decision, the applicant and Licensing Officers were invited back into the meeting room and Ms Phillips, Principal Litigation Lawyer addressed the meeting and read out the Board decision which was as detailed below:

“Following the Licencing Board considering the application for a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicle by the Applicant the following decision was made Determination:

Upon considering whether to grant or refuse the licence to drive a private hire vehicle to the Applicant and having considered the documentation and representations made by:

1 - The Licensing Officer;

2 - The Applicant;

It is the decision of the licensing board to;

Grant the application for a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicle to the Applicant for 6 months and for it to be reviewed after 6 months.”

9. LICENCE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (4)

Mrs French introduced the Applicant.

The Applicant had no questions for Mrs French.

Members asked questions directed to Mrs French.

The Applicant addressed the board.

Members asked questions directed to The Applicant.

Following the discussion, the applicant and Licensing Officers were asked to leave the room whilst the Board deliberated.

Once the Board came to a decision, the applicant and Licensing Officers were invited back into the meeting room and Ms Phillips, Principal Litigation Lawyer addressed the meeting and read out the Board decision which was as detailed below:

“Upon considering whether or not to take any action regarding the Private Hire Operators Licence and having considered the documentation and representations made by:

1 - The Licensing Officer;

2 - The Applicant;

Grant the application for a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicle to the Applicant.”

Meeting concluded: 12:23pm