

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023 at 10.00 am in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Sam Bambridge (Chair); Councillors Rogers, Currie, Dexter, Huxley, M Saunders and Shrubbs

In Attendance:

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Dennis and Wing.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (22/11/2022)**

Councillor Saunders proposed, Councillor Huxley seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Board held on 22 November 2022 be signed as a correct record.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (14/02/2023)**

Councillor Rogers proposed, Councillor Dexter seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Board held on 14 February 2023 be signed as a correct record.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (21/03/2023)**

Councillor Shrubbs proposed, Councillor Dexter seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Board held on 21 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

6. **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Councillor Shrubbs proposed, Councillor Currie seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2023 be signed as a correct record.

7. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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

8. **LICENSE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (1)**

Ms French, Licensing Officer, introduced the applicant.

The applicant had no questions for Ms French.

Members of the Board had no questions for Ms French.

The applicant addressed the Board in regards to the previous legal issues they had in the past.

Ms French asked the applicant follow up questions regarding the legal issues.

Members of the Board also asked questions regarding the legal issues that the applicant had.

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 Mr Kitenge, Senior 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 Private Hire Vehicles for 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 a licence to drive Private Hire Vehicles for one year.”

9. LICENSE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (2)

Ms French, Licensing Officer, introduced the applicant.

The applicant had no questions for Ms French.

Members of the Board had no questions for Ms French.

The applicant addressed the Board in regards to the previous legal issues they had in the past.

Ms French asked the applicant follow up questions regarding the legal issues.

Members of the Board also asked questions regarding the legal issues that the applicant had.

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“Upon considering whether to grant or refuse the licence to drive Private Hire Vehicles for 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 a licence to drive Hackney Carriage Vehicles for one year with the recommendation that CCTV is installed and operational at all times.”

Meeting concluded : 10.33 am