

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE,  
HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2013 (10.30 A.M.)

PRESENT: Mr A J Ward - Chairman  
Mr R E Kemp Mr N A Ridley

In attendance to make representations were:-

Mr L Carvell – Corporate Manager - Licensing  
The Applicant

The following were in attendance at the hearing:-

Mr J Reed – Senior Solicitor (Legal Adviser to the Committee)  
Mrs L Sheppard – Senior Governance Support Officer  
Mr D G Grutchfield – Member of the Regulatory Committee (observing).

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (WHICH TERM INCLUDES THE PRESS)

**RESOLVED**

**That pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the business specified below on the grounds that if the public were present during this item it is likely that there would be the disclosure to them of exempt information as indicated against the item.**

**The Committee was also satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.**

4 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A NEW COMBINED HACKNEY  
CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (Exempt information by virtue of  
Paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1)

The Chairman of the Committee referred to the Procedure to be followed at the hearing, a copy of which had been circulated with the Agenda.

The Corporate Manager – Licensing presented a report ([Paper N56](#)) submitted by the Head of Environment asking Members to determine whether the person referred to in the report is a fit and proper person to be granted the licence applied for.

The Applicant then addressed the Committee, and responded to questions from Members and the Legal Adviser. Both parties were offered the opportunity to make a closing address to the Committee, following which they withdrew from the meeting to enable the Committee to deliberate the application. Mr Grutchfield also withdrew at this point.

Members in considering whether the Applicant was a fit and proper person took into account all the information available to them, together with the explanations offered by the Applicant in relation to the issues raised in Paper N56.

The parties were then called back into the meeting and the decision of the Committee (which was unanimous) was notified as follows:-

After careful consideration, Members expressed concern about the Applicant signing up to an incorrectly completed form, but accepted his explanation. Members considered the Applicant to be a fit and proper person to be granted a Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Applicant referred to in Paper N56 be granted a Combined Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.55 a.m.

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Chairman