

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2014 (10.00 A.M.)

PRESENT: Trot Ward - Chairman
John Deacon Nick Ridley

In attendance to make representations were:-

Iona Jaeger – Licensing Officer

The following were in attendance at the hearing:-

Caroline Whatling – Solicitor (Legal Adviser to the Committee)
Linda Sheppard – Senior Governance Support Officer
Claire Airlie – Licensing Officer

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 COMBINED HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE (Exempt information by virtue of Paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1)

The Corporate Manager – Licensing presented a report [Paper P69](#) submitted by the Head of Environment asking Members to determine whether to grant or refuse a licence as applied for by the person referred to in the report.

Members had before them a copy of an email received from the applicant, stating that he was unable to attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee as he has taken another job offer. However, the Licensing Officer was unable to confirm whether the applicant wished to withdraw the licence application.

At this point the relevant parties withdrew from the meeting to enable Members to deliberate the application.

In the absence of the applicant to answer questions from Members, and without the necessary information as to whether the application would be withdrawn, Members concluded that they were unable to determine the application. They therefore agreed that the meeting should be adjourned to a future date to give the applicant the opportunity to attend, unless he formally withdrew the application.

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

RESOLVED

That the hearing be adjourned to 12 noon on Wednesday 26 November 2014. Further that in the event that the formal withdrawal of the licence application is notified by the applicant, the re-convened hearing does not proceed.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.30 a.m.

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Chairman