

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House, Honiton on 18 June 2025

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The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 11.49 am

1 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 April 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Confidential/exempt items

There were two items which officers recommended should be dealt with in this way at minute numbers 6 and 7.

5 Exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, of the description set out in the agenda, is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing these items in private session (Part B).

6 Hackney carriage driver suitability

The purpose of the item was to determine whether the person named in the report is a fit and proper person to continue to be licensed as a Hackney carriage driver in line with legislative and policy requirements.

The Chair introduced the members of the Sub Committee and the officers in attendance.

The driver and a supporting person were in attendance.

The Legal Advisor, Giles Salter, outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Licensing Officer, Lee Staples, presented the report and outlined the background to the application and the reasons as to why it had come before the Sub Committee.

The Licensing Officer responded to questions from members.

The driver had no questions for the Licensing Officer.

The driver addressed the Sub Committee and presented their case. In response to a question from the Chair, the driver confirmed that they had had sufficient time to make their case.

The driver then responded to questions from members. The supporting person also responded to questions where appropriate to do so.

The Chair thanked the driver and the supporting person for attending and advised that the Sub Committee would retire to make its decision which would be notified in writing within five working days.

The driver and supporting person left the meeting.

7 Application for consent to street trade

The purpose of the item was to determine an application for street trading consent.

The Chair introduced the members of the Sub Committee.

A representative for the applicant was in attendance.

Two objectors to the application were present.

The Legal Advisor, Giles Salter, outlined the procedure to be followed.

The Licensing Officer, Lee Staples, outlined the background to the application and the reasons why it had come before the Sub Committee.

The Licensing Officer responded to questions from members of the Sub Committee and a question from one of the objectors.

The representative for the applicant presented the applicant's case.

The representative for the applicant responded to questions from members of the Sub Committee.

There were no questions from the objectors for the applicant's representative.

One of the objectors presented their case and left the meeting.

The second objector presented their case and responded to a question from the Sub Committee.

The applicant's representative made a final statement and responded to further questions from the Sub Committee.

The Chair thanked the applicant's representative and the objector for attending and advised that the decision would be notified in writing within five working days.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

I Barlow
K Bloxham (Chair)
T Dumper (Vice-Chair for this meeting)

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

Y Levine

Officers in attendance:

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Giles Salter, Solicitor
Emily Westlake, Licensing Officer
Zoe Jones, Licensing Officer
Shannon Manning, Licensing Officer
Lee Staples, Licensing Officer

Councillor apologies:

Chair

Date: