

## **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee held at Clyst Room, Blackdown House, Honiton on 6 February 2024**

#### **Attendance list at end of document**

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.42 pm

#### **29 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 October 2023**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 October 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

#### **30 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **31 Matters of urgency**

There were no matters of urgency.

#### **32 Confidential/exempt items**

There was one item which officers recommended should be dealt with in this way at minute 34.

#### **33 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 this item in private session (Part B).

#### **34 Hackney carriage driver suitability**

The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether the driver named in the Officer's report is a fit and proper person to continue to be licensed as a hackney carriage driver and to determine whether any further action against their licence should be taken.

The driver was present at the meeting. An acquaintance of the driver also attended in support of the driver.

The Licensing Officer presented the report and advised the options available to the Sub Committee.

The Licensing Officer responded to a question from the Chair regarding statutory training for drivers.

The driver had no questions for the Licensing Officer.

The driver addressed the Sub Committee and explained the circumstances of the matters set out in the Officer's report.

The driver answered questions from each member of the Sub Committee.

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

The Chair thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

**Attendance List**

**Councillors present:**

K Bloxham (Vice-Chair)

T Dumper

J Whibley (Chair)

**Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)**

R Jefferies (Reserve Member)

B Bailey

R Collins

**Officers in attendance:**

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Phillippa Norsworthy, Licensing Manager

Giles Salter, Solicitor

Emily Westlake, Licensing Officer

Rebecca Heal, Solicitor

**Councillor apologies:**

None

Chair .....

Date: .....