

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee held at Otter Room, Blackdown House, Honiton on 8 May 2024

Attendance list at end of document

The meeting started at 1.30 pm and ended at 2.12 pm

48 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 March 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 March 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

49 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

50 Matters of urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

51 Confidential/exempt items

There were two items which officers recommended should be dealt with in this way at minute number 53 and minute number 54.

52 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).

53 Hackney Carriage vehicle suitability

The purpose of the item was to determine whether a hackney carriage vehicle licensed by East Devon District Council, as set out in the officer's report, is safe and suitable to continue to be licensed as a hackney carriage vehicle.

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

The applicant was present at the meeting.

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

The Licensing Officer, Emily Westlake, introduced the report.

There were no questions for the Licensing Officer from the Sub Committee or the applicant.

The applicant addressed the Sub Committee and outlined the background to the circumstances set out in the officer's report.

Members of the Sub Committee viewed the vehicle.

There were no questions from the Sub Committee for the applicant and the applicant had nothing further to add.

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

The Chair thanked the applicant for attending the meeting.

54 **Hackney Carriage driver suitability**

The purpose of the item was to determine whether the person named in the officer's report is a fit and proper person to continue to be licensed as a hackney carriage driver.

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

The applicant was 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 circumstances.

The applicant had no questions for the Licensing Officer.

The applicant addressed the Sub Committee and explained the circumstances of their business.

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

The Chair thanked all those 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)

Y Levine

Officers in attendance:

Rebecca Heal, Solicitor

Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer

Giles Salter, Solicitor

Emily Westlake, Licensing Officer

Lee Staples

Councillor apologies:

M Chapman

Chair

Date: