

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 12 December 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Cathy Kent, Aaron Green and Steve Liddiard

Apologies: Councillors

In attendance:

Paul Adams, Principal Licensing Officer
Elizabeth Cox, Licensing Officer
Lois Bland, Legal Support Officer
Luke Tucker, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

23. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

24. Declarations of Interests

No interests were declared.

25. Determination of a request for a Private Hire Vehicle Plate Exemption

The Chair of the Sub-Committee advised all present of the process of the hearing. The Chair then invited the Licensing Officer to introduce the report as outlined within the agenda on pages 5 – 94.

Members and the Licensing Holder were provided the chance to ask questions of the Licensing Officers.

Councillor Liddiard asked what the reasons for registration plates being display on private hire vehicles. Reasons are for public safety.

The Chair Councillor Kent asked if any further information was provided since the publishing of the agenda. Yes, letter supplied by her employer.

Councillor Green sort clarity on what an executive vehicle is. A chuffer style service in higher end cars.

The Licence Holder was then given the opportunity to present her case, during which Members heard the circumstances behind the request for an exemption of the private hire vehicle.

Members and the Licensing Officers were provided with the chance to ask questions of the Licence Holder and his representatives. There were no questions from the Licensing Officers.

The Licensing Officers summarised their case and the policy of the Local Authority.

The License Holder gave a closing statement

The Sub-Committee retired for deliberation at 19:21pm

The Sub-Committee returned at 19:33pm

The Legal Advisor reads out the Sub-Committee decision.

RESOLVED:

Sub-Committee agrees:

That there are no exceptional circumstances to grant a plate exemption and does not vary the original decision of the Licensing Manager.

The meeting finished at 7.34 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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