



Lewes District Council

## Licensing Sub-Committee

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee** held in the **Warren Room, Lewes House, High Street, Lewes** on **Tuesday 9 May 2017** at **2:30pm**

**Present:**

Councillor S Gauntlett (Chair on election)  
Councillors B Bovington and J Harrison-Hicks

**Officers Present:**

Z Downton, Committee Officer  
M Moss, Licensing Officer  
M Wilkinson, Housing & Regulatory Lawyer

**In attendance:**

S Lindsey, Licensing Officer

Minutes		Action
1	<b>Election of Chair of the Sub-Committee</b>  <u>Resolved:</u>  1.1 That Councillor Gauntlett be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee for the duration of this meeting.	
2	<b>Exclusion of the Public and Press</b>  <u>Resolved:</u>  2.1 That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public and press be excluded from the hearing applications as set out in Report No 73/17 as there was likely to be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	

**3 Review the suitability of an existing Hackney Carriage Driver**

The Sub-Committee considered Report No 73/17 relating to the review of the suitability of an existing Hackney Carriage Driver.

The Sub-Committee noted that the Driver whose licence was under review, and also the Driver's representative were not in attendance at the hearing. The hearing was therefore conducted in the absence of the Driver and the Driver's representative.

The Licensing Officer presented the Report to the Sub-Committee. He drew the Sub-Committee's attention to the salient points of the Report, including background information about the Driver and the circumstances that had led up to the hearing.

Lewes District Council was responsible for assessing an individual's suitability to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee of the options available in making a determination in respect of the Report, namely;

- to revoke the individual's Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, without immediate effect;
- to revoke the individual's Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, with immediate effect;
- to suspend the individual's Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, without immediate effect;
- to suspend the individual's Lewes District Council Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, with immediate effect;
- to issue the individual with a warning; and/or
- take no action.

The Sub-Committee took into account the additional written documents of representation submitted by the Driver and the Driver's Representative.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to determine the matter at 2.55pm. The decision was made as follows:

Resolved:

- 3.1** That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, as referred to in Report No 73/17, be revoked without immediate effect.

Licensing  
Officer

**NOTE:**

In accordance with Section 100C, sub-section (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, Minute 3 above is a summary of the proceedings of that part of the meeting which included exempt information. Authorised persons may inspect the exempt information on application to the Proper Officer.

S Gauntlett  
Chair