



Lewes District Council

## Licensing Committee

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee** held in the **Ditchling and Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes** on **Monday, 30 March 2015** at 10:00am

**Present:**

Councillor S Stockdale (Chair on election)  
Councillors P Gander and P Howson

**Officers Present:**

Ms R Brittle, Committee Officer  
Mr M Moss, Licensing Officer  
Mr A Couper, Lawyer

**Attending in respect of Application:**

Applicant in relation to Minute No 3

**Also Present:**

Ms S Lindsey, Licensing Officer  
Ms M Frost, Committee Officer

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Election of Chair of the Committee</b>  <b><u>Resolved:</u></b>  1.1 That Councillor Stockdale be elected Chair of the Committee for this meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Public and Press</b>  <b><u>Resolved:</u></b>  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 as there was likely to be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Determination of Driver's License</b>  The Chair of the Committee welcomed all parties to the hearing. Those who attended introduced themselves, and the Lawyer clarified to the Applicant that he would have any input with regards to the Committee decision but would only offer legal advice when needed.	

The Committee considered Report No 56/15 to determine whether the Applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The Applicant attended to present his application.

The Licensing Officer presented Report No 56/15 to the Committee. He drew the Committee's attention to the salient points of the Report including the Applicant's history. He highlighted the importance of public safety as part of the Council's Licensing responsibilities and the need for the Committee to apply the local test to ascertain whether they believed the Applicant to be a "fit and proper" person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Applicant presented his case to the Committee.

The Committee withdrew to consider the recommendation of Report No 56/15 at 10:30am.

The Committee reconvened at 10:45am.

**Resolved:**

- 3.1 That the recommendation as set out in Report No 56/15 be approved, with the Applicant being granted a Private Hire Driving Licence, with a written warning attached.

The meeting ended at 10:45am

J Stockdale  
Chair