

Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 28 January 2020 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Peter Diplock (Chair)
Councillor Candy Vaughan and Pat Rodohan

Officers in attendance:

Danielle Ball (Specialist Advisor - Licensing, Service Delivery), Ed Hele (Functional Lead – Quality Environment), Michele Wilkinson (Lawyer (Housing & Regulatory)), Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer) and Emily Horne (Committee Officer).

1 Appointment of Chair

Councillor Rodohan proposed and Councillor Vaughan seconded that Councillor Diplock be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Diplock was appointed Chair for the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence / declaration of substitute members

There were none.

3 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and other interests as required by the Code of Conduct

There were none.

4 Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as otherwise there was a likelihood of disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Paragraph 1 and 2 – Information relating to an individual or likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

5 Determination of ‘fit & proper’ status of driver in relation to his Dual Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered the Officer’s report, the representations made and whether the applicant was a ‘fit and proper’ person to continue to hold a Dual Drivers Licence.

RESOLVED - To suspend the driver's dual drivers licence for a period of four weeks. This decision does not have immediate effect.

Reasons - The Sub-Committee took into account the seriousness of the complaint made against the licence holder and the potential impact upon public safety. The Sub-Committee was concerned by the licence holder's lack of awareness of licensing rules and the inconsistencies in his account of the events. However, the Sub-Committee was satisfied that a suspension, rather than the revocation of his licence, would be an appropriate sanction in all the circumstances.

6 Determination of 'fit & proper' status of driver in relation to his Dual Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered the Officer's report, the representations made and whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to continue to hold a Dual Drivers Licence.

RESOLVED – To revoke the driver's dual drivers licence, but not with immediate effect.

Reasons - The Sub-Committee was satisfied that the licence holder had deliberately attempted to mislead it in his account of the relevant events. The Sub-Committee considered this to be serious matter and that his actions made the licence holder not a 'fit and proper' person to hold a dual driver's licence.

The meeting ended at 7.05 pm

Councillor Peter Diplock (Chair)