

Licensing Sub-Committee

Minutes of meeting held in Rooms 209/210 Marine Workshops, Railway Quay, Newhaven BN9 0ER on 26 March 2024 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Councillors: Ian Alexander, Nikki Fabry and Sean MacLeod.

Officers in attendance:

Michael Davis (Specialist Advisor, Licensing), Nick Peeters (Committee Officer) and Michele Wilkinson (Lawyer (Housing & Regulatory)).

23 Election of chair of the sub-committee for this meeting

Councillor Fabry was nominated and seconded as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

24 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

There were none.

25 Declarations of interest

There were none.

26 Exclusion of the press and public

Resolved, 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. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

27 Determination of suitability to hold a Private Hire Operator Licence

The Chair of the Licensing Sub Committee welcomed all parties to the hearing and detailed the procedure for the hearing. Those attending introduced themselves.

The Specialist Advisor for Licensing, Michael Davis, presented the report to the Sub-Committee, summarised the details and answered questions.

The Applicant addressed the Sub Committee and responded to questions.

Mr Davis summed up.

The Applicant summed up.

Following all the evidence presented, the Sub-Committee retired to consider and determine the application. Michele Wilkinson, Housing and Regulatory Lawyer was in attendance to assist with any legal queries.

The Sub Committee returned to provide the following decision:

Resolved to grant the private hire operator's licence and to issue the Applicant with a written warning.

The meeting ended at 10.45 am

Councillor