

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on Wednesday, 25 March 2020 hosted remotely at the Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer, NR27 9EN at 10.00 am

Committee Mr N Housden Mr H Blathwayt
Members Present: Dr P Bütikofer

Officers in Attendance: Licensing Enforcement Officer, Legal Advisor and Democratic Services & Governance Officer (Regulatory)

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs P Grove-Jones. Councillor P Bütikofer attended the meeting as her substitute.

2 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act.

5 (WK/180023014) - REVIEW OF A LICENCE TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN NORTH NORFOLK

The hearing was conducted remotely as a result of Government advice regarding distancing measures due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Licence Holder was not present. He had been invited to attend the hearing but had not responded to emails sent to him regarding this matter. Following closure of the Council Offices to the public as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, he had been invited to submit a statement but he had not done so.

The Legal Advisor outlined the purpose of the hearing and explained the procedure for the meeting. At the request of the Chairman, she confirmed that it was in order to conduct the meeting remotely provided it was fair and the Licence Holder's rights under Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998 were maintained.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the report, which related to a review of a review of a taxi driver's licence where the Licence Holder had not completed the necessary DBS process.

The Chairman asked if the Licence Holder had operated as a taxi driver during the period when the DBS was outstanding.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer explained that he had operated as a taxi driver until the end of 2018. It was not known if he was operating as a taxi driver following that date.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer answered questions in respect of the correspondence outlined in the report and in relation to his DBS. She confirmed that his current postal address was unknown.

The Sub-Committee retired at 10.20 am to consider its decision. The Licence Holder was informed of the decision and right of appeal by email on 26 March 2020.

RESOLVED

That the Licence be revoked with immediate effect.

The meeting ended at 10.20 am.

Chairman