

Minutes of a meeting of the
Worthing Licensing & Control Committee A
19 October 2020
at 6.30 pm

Councillor Sean McDonald (Chairman)
Councillor Charles James (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Mike Barrett	Councillor Richard Nowak
Councillor Roy Barraclough	Councillor Dawn Smith
Councillor Keith Bickers	Councillor Jane Sim
Councillor Ferdousi Henna	Councillor Robert Smytherman
Chowdhury	Councillor Steve Wills
Councillor Karen Harman	
Councillor Richard Mulholland	

Absent

Councillor Nicola Waight and Councillor Paul Westover

LCCA/1/20-21 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

There were no declaration of interests

LCCA/2/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Licensing and Control Committee A meeting of held on the 24 February 2020 be approved as the correct record

LCCA/3/20-21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public

LCCA/4/20-21 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting from the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act indicated against the item.

LCCA/5/20-21 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Review of Private Hire Driver Licence

Before the committee was a report by the Director for Communities, copies of which had been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 5. Members were asked to review a Private Hire Drivers' Licence the details of which meant that it was appropriate for the Committee to consider the application

Members carried out the procedure put before them to determine the application

The meeting adjourned at 7.15pm for the members to consider their decision and reconvened at 8.36pm

The meeting was told that In reaching its decision, the Licensing Committee gave due regard to relevant legislation and guidance within the Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Handbook. The Committee also gave regard to human rights legislation and the rules of natural justice. Due consideration was given to representations that were made at the hearing and in writing.

Resolved: That the private hire licence be suspended for three years

Reasons for decision: The Committee had regarded all the evidence before them and what they had heard at the meeting. The Committee viewed the incident as a serious offence and had referred to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Handbook for Worthing Borough Council which defines driving without due care and attention as a major traffic offence. The Committee were concerned that the respondent could offer no explanation as to how the incident happened and that he stated he only wears his glasses when he is in a new area. The Committee have suspended the licence for 3 years due to the seriousness of the offence. The safety of the public is the paramount concern to the Committee and due to the seriousness of the offence the Committee do not believe that the respondent is a fit and proper person to hold a private hire drivers licence.

**LCCA/6/20-21 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Determination of an application for a new Private Hire Driver
Licence**

The applicant was unable to be present at the meeting and the Committee agreed to adjourn the application to another meeting

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm