

Minutes of a meeting of the
Adur Licensing and Regulatory Sub-Committee
8 March 2022
at 7.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Andy McGregor (Chairman)

Councillor Joss Loader

Councillor Rob Wilkinson

Absent:

Councillors: Paul Mansfield

LRSC/9/21-22 Declaration on Interests / Substitute Members

There were no declarations of interest

Councillor Andy McGregor declared substitution for Councillor Paul Mansfield

LRSC/10/21-22 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public 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.

LRSC/11/21-22 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence

Before the Sub-Committee was a report by the Interim Director for Communities, a copy of which had been circulated to all Members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 3

The Committee carried out the procedure before it

The committee adjourned to make a decision and reconvened to announce the decision

Decision: that the licence be revoked with immediate effect

Reasons for Decision:

The Committee did not consider the driver a fit and proper person having listened carefully and considered all of the evidence before them. The Sub-Committee's overriding concern was public safety and it was concerned that there were a number of incidents that had taken place within the relatively short time the respondent had held a licence.

The Sub-Committee was concerned that there was the speeding offence of driving 23 mph over the speed limit and receiving 6 penalty points in June 2021. The

Committee had considered the complaints of the passengers for the journey from Heathrow on the 15th October 2021 and the CCTV evidence which showed swerving, driving in the wrong lane, tiredness and apparent nodding off, ignoring a type pressure warning light which is not expected from a professional driver and not wearing the seat belt correctly.

This had been considered alongside the long working hours that were not reduced as a result of this incident and the collision that had taken place in February 2022 with an elderly pedestrian. Which the respondent had admitted and was being investigated by the police. The committee therefore asked the question as to whether they would allow a person to whom they care for to travel alone in a vehicle day or night and the answer was no and therefore the respondent should not hold a licence.

The meeting ended at 9.44 pm