

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Worthing Borough Council
Licensing and Control Sub Committee A
Wednesday 11 January 2023
at 6.30 pm**

Councillor Sally Smith (Chair)
Councillor Rosey Whorlow
Councillor Kevin Jenkins

LCSCA/1/22-23 Declaration of Interests / Substitute Members

There were no substitute members and no declarations of interest.

LCSCA/2/22-23 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.

**LCSCA/3/22-23 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Review
of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which had been circulated to all members. Members were requested to consider and determine a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

The Committee carried out the procedure laid before it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm for the members to consider their decision and reconvened at 7.51pm.

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.

Resolved

The Committee has taken the following decision to: provide a formal warning to remain on the respondent's licence file for 4 years.

Reasons for decision

The reasons given for the decision are that the committee members are extremely concerned that there have been 17 incidents within the last 6 years that the driver has held a hackney driving licence including vehicle safety, motoring offences, non-compliance with Worthing Borough Council hackney and private hire driving conditions and customer complaints. This behaviour is not acceptable from a professional driver who is in a position of trust. Should any further incidents occur officers will be expected to

refer this matter back to the licencing committee and everything will be taken into account. This is the driver's final chance to improve his behaviour or he will risk losing his licence.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

Chair