

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
WBC Licensing and Control Sub Committee 'A' of  
Worthing Borough Council**

**Thursday 1 June 2023**

Councillor Henna Chowdhury (Chair)  
Councillor Russ Cochran  
\*Councillor Rosey Whorlow

**\*Absent:**

**LCSC/1/23-24          Declaration of Interests / Substitute Members**

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Richard Mulholland substituted for Councillor Rosey Whorlow

**LCSC/2/23-24          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.

**LCSC/3/23-24          Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Review  
of Private Hire 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 Private Hire Driver Licence.

**Presenting Officer presented the report**

The Licensing Officer presented the report explaining the circumstances leading to this hearing.

The Committee carried out the procedure laid before it.

*The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm for the members to consider their decision and reconvened at 7.08pm.*

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: To approve the licence.

## **Reasons for decision**

The licence holder made a false statement when he initially applied for his Private Hire Licence in 2019 and he subsequently made a further false statement when he applied to renew this licence in 2022. However, it is accepted that the conviction was from 2005, therefore 18 years ago and the Licensing Sub Committee accept the licence holder's explanation that he did not understand he had actually received a criminal conviction.

The licence holder is reminded in future it is important to declare all convictions and any other relevant matters as detailed on the renewal form.

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The meeting ended at 7.10 pm

**Chair**