

Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Wednesday, 15 July 2015 at 2.01 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P S Le Chevalier (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair)

Councillors: B Gardner
D P Murphy

Officers: Head of Legal Services
Licensing Team Leader
Democratic Support Officer
Trainee Solicitor

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B W Butcher, S J Jones and S C Manion.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Councillor D P Murphy was appointed as substitute for Councillor S C Manion.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4 MINUTES

In the absence of sufficient members who were present at the previous meeting held on 13 March 2015, it was agreed to defer the consideration of the Minutes to the next meeting of the committee.

5 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor B Gardner, duly seconded and

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the items to be considered involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Team Leader on an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence where an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) had shown previous convictions that were relevant to the decision as to the applicant's suitability as a fit and proper person to hold a licence to drive a taxi in the Dover District. The applicant was convicted of the offence on 15 December 2008.

In accordance with the approved procedure Members heard evidence from the applicant and the applicant's representative, concerning the circumstances surrounding the conviction and spoke to the applicant's suitability as a fit and proper person.

The Committee withdrew to consider its decision and upon returning the Head of Legal Services explained that advice had been given to members in relation to Dover District Council's Policy and the relevance of convictions to applications.

RESOLVED: That having regard to the evidence, and in accordance with sections 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be approved for an initial period of six months; and

- a) That the Licensing Team Leader should monitor the applicant's performance for the duration of this period and;
- b) That providing there are no issues during the initial six months, the licence be granted for a further six months.

The meeting ended at 2.34 pm.