

Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday, 15 May 2018 at 10.13 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B W Butcher

Councillors: P M Brivio (as substitute for Councillor S J Jones)
B Gardner
P S Le Chevalier
D P Murphy

Officers: Contentious and Regulatory Lawyer
Licensing Team Leader
Licensing Enforcement Officer
Licensing Apprentice
Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Applicant (Minute No.37)

32 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S J Jones.

33 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, it was noted that Councillor P M Brivio was appointed as substitute for Councillor S J Jones.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

35 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 March 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor B W Butcher, 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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

37 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Team Leader on an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence. An

enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service 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.

Members offered the applicant the opportunity to present evidence concerning the circumstances surrounding the convictions and Members could ask further questions of the applicant.

In accordance with the approved procedure the Committee and the Contentious and Regulatory Lawyer withdrew to consider the application and upon returning it was

- RESOLVED: (a) That, having regard to the evidence, the Committee considered that the applicant was a fit and proper person in accordance with Sections 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, and that the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence be granted for an initial period of 11 months; and
- (b) That, the Licensing Team Leader shall monitor and review the applicant's progress; and
- (c) That, providing there are no issues during the initial 11 months, the Licensing Team Leader will grant the licence for the remainder of the application period and without the matter having to be brought back before the Committee.

The meeting ended at 11.04 am.