



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub Committee

Held at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE at 10:30am
on Wednesday 29 May 2024

Present:

Cllr Martin Goodearl
Cllr Julia Huffer
Cllr Kelli Pettitt
Cllr Gareth Wilson
Cllr John Trapp

Officers:

Stewart Broome – Senior Licensing Officer
Maggie Camp – Director (Legal Services)
Jane Webb – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Angela Tyrrell – Senior Legal Assistant
Cameron Overton – Trainee Democratic Services Officer

In attendance:



1. Election of the Chair of the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub- Committee

Cllr Julia Huffer was nominated as the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub-Committee Chair by Cllr Martin Goodearl and seconded by Cllr Gareth Wilson.

There being no other nominations, it was resolved:

That Cllr Julia Huffer be elected as the Chair of the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub-Committee for the 2024-25 municipal year.

2. Apologies and substitutions

No apologies for absence were received.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Exclusion of the Public including representatives of the Press

It was resolved unanimously:

That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of item no. 4 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Categories 1, 2 and 7 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as Amended).

5. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Part II Report to consider relevant enforcement action against a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver License

The Sub-Committee considered a report, Z7 previously circulated, to determine whether the licence holder could still be considered 'fit and proper' for the purposes of holding a joint hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence and a Private Hire Operators Licence, and whether any action should be taken against their vehicle licences.

Members asked questions, made comments and received responses.

The decision of the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub-Committee (in exercise of the powers delegated by East Cambridgeshire District Council as Licensing Authority) was to:

SUSPEND the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver licence for a period of six weeks (non-immediate), with a requirement to complete a Blue Lamp Trust online taxi safeguarding and customer awareness course, the details of which to be provided by officers. The suspension period to continue beyond six weeks if the driver failed to provide proof of attending the required course.

No action to be taken against the hackney carriage vehicle licence, private hire vehicle licence and private hire operator licence.

The meeting closed at 11:20am

Chairman.....

Date.....