

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber -
The Guildhall on 19 March 2024 commencing at 10.30 am.

Present: Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence
Councillor Maureen Palmer

In Attendance:
Andy Gray Housing & Environmental Enforcement Manager
Kimble Enderby Senior Licensing and Community Safety Officer
Tracy Gavins Licensing Enforcement Officer
Martha Rees Legal Advisor
Katie Storr Democratic Services & Elections Team Manager
Maisie McInnes Democratic and Civic Officer

Also in Attendance: The licence holder

7 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THIS MEETING ONLY.

The Democratic and Civic Officer opened the meeting and invited Councillors to appoint a Chair of the Regulatory Sub-Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Maureen Palmer and seconded by Councillor Stephen Bunney that Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence be appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee Hearing.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Angela Lawrence be appointed Chair of the Regulatory Sub-Committee.

8 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9 PROCEDURE

The Chairman confirmed the Principles of Natural Justice were to be followed.

The Procedure to be followed was summarised by the Legal Advisor.

The Licensee confirmed he had been made aware he was entitled to representation at the meeting

10 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS.

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

11 'FIT AND PROPER' STATUS OF A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER

The Senior Licensing Officer presented his report which set out the circumstances leading to the review by the Licensing Sub-Committee. Further information regarding the application was set out in the confidential appendices. The Senior Licensing Officer summarised the incident and set out the options available for the Sub-Committee as set out in paragraph 6.2 of the report.

Members of the Sub-Committee, and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Senior Licensing Officer.

The Chairman invited the Licence Holder to present his case to the Regulatory Sub-Committee. The Licence Holder presented his case to the Licensing Sub-Committee and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Licence Holder.

The Chairman invited the Senior Licensing Officer and the Licence Holder to sum up their case and asked if there were any further comments they wished to make.

The Chairman of the Regulatory Sub-committee thanked the Licence Holder, the Senior Licensing Officer and officers for attending and advised that all parties would be notified of the decision in writing within five working days of today's hearing and reminded those present of the right to appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of receiving such notice.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 for the Sub-Committee to make their decision.

The meeting re-adjourned at 11:15 when it was: -

RESOLVED that having considered all the representations and information before the Hearing and giving due weight to the evidence presented the Committee were unanimous in their decision that the licence be revoked, for the reasons outlined to the Applicant in the decision notice.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 am.

Chairman