

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE** held on 23 February 2024 at 3.30 pm

Present

Councillors C Adcock, F J Colthorpe and L G J Kennedy

Also Present

Councillor D Broom

Present

Officers Philip Langdon (Solicitor), Harriet Said (Team Leader (Commercial), Public Health), Philip White (Specialist Licensing Assistant) and Sarah Lees (Democratic Services Officer)

15 **Election of Chairman**

Councillor L Kennedy elected as Chairman of the Sub Committee.

16 **Access to Information - Exclusion of Press and Public**

Prior to consideration of a report from the Corporate Manager for Public Health, Regulation and Housing to consider whether or not a license holder was fit and proper to hold a licence with Mid Devon District Council the Sub-Committee discussed whether or not the hearing should be held in public or private. Members considered the circumstances of the case and agreed that the hearing should be conducted in closed session. The following resolution was therefore passed:

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to an individual.

17 **Hearing to determine if a person is fit and proper to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence**

Members of the Sub Committee and officers introduced themselves.

The Chairman confirmed that the Sub Committee had received and read the relevant paperwork in relation to the application and stated that there were no interests to declare.

The Specialist Lead (Licensing) outlined the contents of the report, explaining the responsibility of the Local Authority and the relevant facts in relation to the application. The key aims and objectives of the Hearing were stated and the safety of the public was explained as being the key priority in considering whether or not to

grant an application. The Sub Committee needed to satisfy themselves that in all circumstances of the case the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a Licence with Mid Devon District Council.

The Members of the Sub Committee then listened to the licence holder's presentation of their case, asked several relevant questions by way of clarification and subsequently withdrew to consider their decision.

RESOLVED that the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence be refused.

(The meeting ended at 4.10 pm)

CHAIRMAN