



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 10:00am
on Wednesday 16 October 2024

Present:

Cllr Martin Goodearl
Cllr Julia Huffer (Chair)
Cllr Kelli Pettitt
Cllr Gareth Wilson
Cllr John Trapp

Officers:

Stewart Broome – Licencing Manager
Maggie Camp – Director (Legal Services)
Cameron Overton – Trainee Democratic Services Officer

In attendance:



1. Apologies and substitutions

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Martin Goodearl declared that he had formerly worked for the same organisation under the same management as the licence holder, but that this would have no bearing on his views or decisions on this matter.

3. 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).

**4. 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, Z80 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.

The report was delivered by the Licencing Manager; 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:

Issue a Written Warning and Penalty Point Notice (3 East Cambs penalty points).

Given the support shown by his employer, together with an explanation of the systems in place, and the remorse shown by the licence holder, members felt that while there was a worrying accumulation of offences, it would be more damaging to the wider community to issue a stronger penalty. Members felt that a written warning and penalty notice was sufficient; however, were the licence holder to be brought in front of the committee again, firmer action would be taken.

The meeting closed at 10:37am

Chair.....

Date.....