LICENSING APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Appeals and Complaints Committee of South Norfolk Council held at South Norfolk House, Long Stratton on Thursday 4 August 2016 at 10:00am

Committee Members Present: Councillors: D Goldson (Chairman) W Kemp and J Wilby

Officers in Attendance: The Legal Advisor to the Sub Committee (T Eddison), the Licensing, Food and Safety Team Leader (G Britton) and the Licensing and Enforcement Officer (R Setford).

629 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

630 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was

RESOLVED: that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).
631. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

(the applicant was in attendance for this item)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the procedure for determining the application.

The Licensing and Enforcement Officer outlined the salient points of her report, explaining the reasons why the application required consideration by the Committee. She explained that the vehicle was on the premises and was available for inspection, should members wish to do so.

Both the applicant and the Licensing and Enforcement Officer responded to a number of questions from members. It was explained that the vehicle had been inspected by the Council’s designated testing station and, despite its age, the vehicle’s condition was considered to be of a high standard. Members noted that this test was more stringent than the general MOT, and would be required every 6 months for this vehicle type. The applicant confirmed that her insurance policy would be amended accordingly, should the private hire vehicle licence be granted.

Following an inspection of the vehicle, the licensing officers and the applicant left the meeting whilst members determined the application. They were then readmitted to the meeting, and the Chairman announced the decision.

RESOLVED: that a private hire vehicle licence be granted, subject to the production of an updated vehicle insurance certificate.

The meeting concluded at 10:20 am