

Licensing Committee - Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Appeals Meeting

**Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street,
Colchester, CO1 1PJ
Wednesday, 18 April 2018 at 10:00**

The Licensing Committee hears and determines licensing applications and appeals under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles and drivers

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Licensing Committee Procedure relating to Hackney Carriage Licences and Private Hire Vehicle Licences made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Acts

- (1) All questions and statements will be directed through the Chairman.
- (2) The Chairman will make opening remarks which introduce those present and ensuring that all those present understand the procedure.

The Council's case:-

- (3) The Council's representative will begin with their opening remarks and present their case.
- (4) The Council's witnesses (if any) will give evidence in support of the Council's case.
- (5) The Council's representative and/or representative may question the Council's witness again to clarify any points which may have arisen.

Submission from the Applicant:-

- (6) The Applicant and/or representative will begin with their opening remarks and present their case.
- (7) The Applicant's witnesses (if any) will give evidence in support of the Applicant's case.
- (8) The Applicant and/or representative may question the Applicant's witness again to clarify any points which may have arisen.
- (9) Each party and their witnesses may be questioned by the Chairman and members of the Committee.
- (10) Each party may question their witness again to clarify any points which may have arisen.
- (11) If the Applicant or the objectors wish to question each other, questions may be directed through the Chairman.
- (12) Closing Statements may be made by the Council and/or representative.

- (13) The Chairman will ask the Legal Advisor whether there is anything else to be raised or settled before the proceedings are closed.

Determination of the application by the Committee

- (14) The Applicant and/or representative, the objectors, Ward Councillors, the representatives from the Council and the members of the public and the press will leave the room to allow the Committee to determine the application. During this process the Committee members may ask for legal advice from the Legal Advisor.
- (15) The Applicant and/or representative, the objectors, Ward Councillors, the representatives from the Council and the members of the public and the press will be invited to return to the room when the Committee's decision will be announced. Written details of the decision and the grounds upon which it is based will be sent to all parties concerned as soon as possible.

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The Licensing Committee Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Appeals Members are:

John Elliott - Member, Mike Hogg - Member, Julie Young - Member

The Licensing Committee Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Appeals Substitute Members are:

All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members or members of this Sub-Committee and who have completed the relevant training.

AGENDA
THE LIST OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
(Part A - open to the public)

Please note that Agenda items 1 to 6 are normally dealt with briefly.

1 Appointment of Chairman

To appoint a Chairman for the meeting.

2 Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman will welcome members of the public and Councillors and remind everyone to use microphones at all times when they are speaking. The Chairman will also explain action in the event of an emergency, mobile phones switched to silent, audio-recording of the meeting. Councillors who are members of the committee will introduce themselves.

3 Substitutions

Councillors will be asked to say if they are attending on behalf of a Committee member who is absent.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the agenda about which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the item or participating in any vote upon the item, or any other pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest.

Part B
(not open to the public including the press)

- 5 *Exclusion of the Public (not Scrutiny or Executive)*
In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).
- 6 *Private Hire Vehicle/Appeal Hearing*
The Committee have been asked to consider a request to permit a vehicle over 5 years old to be licensed as a private hire vehicle.

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