

## **BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET**

### **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 12th December, 2024

**Present:-** Councillors Steve Hedges (Chair), Toby Simon and George Tomlin (in place of Ann Morgan)

**Also in attendance:** Carrie-Ann Evans (Team Leader, Legal Services) and John Dowding (Lead Officer - Licensing)

#### **90 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Democratic Services Officer drew attention to the Emergency Evacuation Procedure.

#### **91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Councillor George Tomlin was present as a substitute for Councillor Ann Morgan for the duration of the meeting.

#### **92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **93 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR**

There was none.

#### **94 LICENSING PROCEDURE**

The Chair referenced the procedure that would be followed during the course of the meeting.

#### **95 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The members of the Sub-Committee agreed that they were satisfied that the public interest would be better served by not disclosing relevant information, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business and the reporting of the meeting be prevented under Section 100A(5A), because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended.

**96 CONSIDERATION OF 'FIT AND PROPER' STATUS – 2024/DEC/02/PHOP**

This item had been deferred in advance of the hearing on notice to the licensee. The matter will be heard on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, or at such other date as is required, which will be notified to the licensee. If the licensee fails to attend the hearing, the matter may proceed in his absence.

**97 CONSIDERATION OF 'FIT AND PROPER' STATUS – REPORT  
2024/DEC/01/TAXI**

This matter was due to be determined today by the Licensing Sub Committee.

The licensee failed to attend and had not been in contact with the Licensing Section in relation to his attendance. The Lead Officer Licensing had called the licensee on his contact telephone number shortly after the hearing was due to start but there was no answer and a voice message was left. At 10:15 the licensee was not in attendance and Members considered whether or not to proceed in his absence.

In all the circumstances, Members determined in the interests of fairness to defer the matter to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, or at such other date as is required, which will be notified to the licensee. If the licensee fails to attend the next hearing, the matter may proceed in his absence.

The meeting ended at 10.20 am

Chair(person) .....

Date Confirmed and Signed .....

**Prepared by Democratic Services**