

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS PANEL

Wednesday, 8th May, 2024

Present: Cllr R V Roud (Chair), Cllr M A Coffin and Cllr R W G Oliver.

Together with representatives of the Licensing Authority.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LAP 24/7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

LAP 24/8 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved, it was seconded and

RESOLVED: That as public discussion would disclose exempt information, the following matters be considered in private.

PART 2 - PRIVATE

DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

LAP 24/9 REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CASE 003/2024

(Reasons: LGA 1972 – Sch 12A Paragraph 1 and 2 - Information relating to an individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

The Licensing and Appeals Committee, sitting as a Panel was asked to consider whether any action was appropriate in respect of a holder of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, following notification that the individual had been driving their private hire vehicle well above the legal speed limit, as recorded by their internal tracking system.

The driver was tracked on several occasions driving at very high speed by their GPS tracking software. Examples of the driver's journeys were attached at Annex 2.

Having considered all of the evidence provided, namely the written report, the oral representations from the Licensing Team and the information provided by the driver at the hearing, the Panel decided that

the Private Hire Driver's licence be suspended until 12 July 2024 with immediate effect. The Panel based its decision on the driver's admission that they had exceeded the speed limit on numerous occasions with a passenger on board.

RESOLVED: That, in respect of Case Number 003/2004, the Private Hire Driver's license be suspended until 12 July 2024 with immediate effect.

The meeting ended at 2.10 pm
Having commenced at 1.00 pm