

**LICENSING PANEL
10 AUGUST 2016
10.30 - 10.50 AM**



Present:

Councillors Brossard (Chairman), Ms Gaw and Thompson

In Attendance:

Simon Bull, Legal Services
Charlie Fletcher, Licensing Officer
Robert Sexton, Head of Regulatory Services

14. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15. The Procedure for Hearings at Licensing Panels

The Chairman confirmed that all parties understood the procedure to be followed for the hearing.

16. Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and having regard to the public interest, members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following item which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Schedule 12A of that Act:

- (1) Information relating to any individual.

17. Licensed Dual Driver Hearing

The Panel decided that the hearing should be adjourned, however the Panel expressed concern that the appellant had failed to provide sufficient and specific medical evidence that he was unfit to travel to and attend a panel hearing as had been requested by the Licensing Officer.

The Panel heard that the appellant felt that this was an unfair request. On the contrary, the Panel were clear that this was a very reasonable and necessary request. The medical evidence provided to the Panel to date stated that the appellant was not fit to work, however the appellant had failed to provide any evidence to state that he was unfit to travel to and attend a hearing. A person can be unfit for work but fit to attend hearings.

The Licensing Panel hearing would now be held on **Wednesday 7 September 2016 at 2pm** in the Council offices at Easthampstead House. If the appellant were unable to attend on this date, medical evidence would need to be provided demonstrating that he was unfit to travel to and attend a hearing. If the appellant did not attend and

had not provided this specific medical evidence, the Panel would proceed and conduct the hearing in his absence.

CHAIRMAN