

Decisions taken by the Environment and Safety Committee on Thursday, 18 March 2021



Notice dated: 19 March 2021

DECISIONS:

Item No	Matter	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision
6	Licensed driver with excess penalty points. "Fit and Proper" test	The Environment and Safety Committee for and on behalf of Hastings Borough Council has considered the report of the licensing officer and the submissions made by the driver and decided the driver is not a "Fit and Proper person" to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and instruct the Environmental Health and Licensing Manager to suspend his licence for up to three months or until he has completed an equalities training course to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer, whichever is sooner.	The reasons for the decision are that while the Committee understood that the driver's job was important to him and he had a young family to support he had used an unacceptable obscenity and an unacceptable joke which was discriminatory and targeted a minority group. While the Committee believed the driver's apology was sincere it was believed that training was needed for the driver to fully understand what was wrong with what he had said and why it was offensive. The Committee believed the training would support the driver to continue with his profession as a taxi driver.

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