ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 12th February, 2013

Councillor M Paling (Chair)

Councillors:

- B Andrews N Brooks G V Clarke R Ellis A J Gillam J Hollingsworth M Hope
- P R Key (a) M Lawrence B S R Miller J M Parr (a) S Poole H T N Wheeler

111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Key and Councillor Parr.

112 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2013.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

113 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

114 ADVERTISEMENTS ON LICENSED VEHICLES - DOOR PANELS

RESOLVED:

Committee approved advertising material as submitted in the report.

115 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

116 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That, the Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

117 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AM

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from AM.

AM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from AM for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions.

AM was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee

Councillor Ellis entered the meeting

118 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - WA

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from WA.

WA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve WA's application for a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence and issue a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

119 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - NM

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from NM.

NM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

On the basis of what it heard, the Committee did not have sufficient information to reach a decision, and asked for NM to provide documentary evidence to support his argument.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence from NM to a future meeting of the Committee.

120 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - LK

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from LK.

LK and his representative attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from LK to for renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions.

LK was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee

Councillor Hope left the meeting

121 APPLICAITON FOR THE RENEWAL OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AR

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from AR.

AR and his friend attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from AR for renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions and failure to declare the convictions to the Council.

AR was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee

122 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S - ISM

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from ISM.

ISM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from ISM for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions. ISM was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee

123 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AB

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a change of circumstances for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from AB.

AB attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To revoke AB's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions.

Having considered the interests of public safety, the Committee resolved that the revocation of the licence would not have immediate effect. AB was given 21 days to surrender his badge.

AB was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee

124 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - BSS

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a change of circumstances for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from BSS.

BSS attended the meeting with his solicitor and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To revoke BSS's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions.

Having considered the interests of public safety, the Committee resolved that the revocation of the licence would not have immediate effect. BSS was given 21 days to surrender his badge.

BSS was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee

125 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SA

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License from SA.

SA did not attend the meeting

RESOLVED:

That SA application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence be deemed withdrawn due to his non-attendance at two Committee meetings.