

**DRAFT MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, 12th June, 2012

Councillor M Paling (Chair)

Councillors:

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

Officers in attendance: L. Sugden, R. Pentlow and P. Gibbs.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Parr.

2 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22ND OF MAY 2012.

RESOLVED:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Paling declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 9, as she had been approached by an associate of the applicant to discuss the item prior to the meeting. Councillor Paling, therefore, vacated the chair during and took no part in discussion or voting on Item 9.

4 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

5 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 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.

6 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MM

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MM.

MM did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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

7 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MSB

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MSB.

MSB 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 MSB 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 and his failure to disclose some of those convictions on his application form.

8 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE

DRIVERS LICENCE - AL

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from AL.

AL did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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

Having declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9, Councillor Paling vacated the Chair, which was taken up by Councillor Lawrence (Vice-Chair). Councillor Paling took no part in the discussion or voting on the following item.

9 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MH

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MH.

MH 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 MH 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 and his failure to disclose one of those convictions on his application form.

Councillor Paling resumed the Chair.

10 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - CAS

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private

Hire Driver's Licence from CAS.

CAS 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 CAS' application for a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence.

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CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AH

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from AH.

AH 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 the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licence held by AH on the grounds that AH is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence due to his recent convictions.

Councillor Clark left the meeting.

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APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MA

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MA.

MA 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 MA 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.

Councillor Hope left the meeting.

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APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - QN

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director – David Wakelin regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from QN.

QN 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 QN'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.