

ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 6th November, 2012

Councillor M. Paling(Chair)

Councillors:

B.M. Andrews

G.V. Clarke

A.J. Gillam

M. Hope

M. Lawrence

J. Parr(a)

H.T.N. Wheeler

N. Brooks

R. Ellis(a)

J. Hollingsworth

P.R. Key(a)

B.S.R. Miller

S. Poole

Officers in Attendance: Diane Blasdale, Rachel Pentlow and Kevin Nealon

68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Ellis, Key and Parr.

69 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2012.

RESOLVED:

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

70 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

71 NOTICES SERVED - PUBLIC PROTECTION

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

72 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.

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CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE - ZI

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

ZI attended the meeting accompanied by a friend 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 exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To issue a warning as to the consequences of any further convictions or appearances before the Committee on the basis that the Committee considered him to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence but his conduct had fallen below the standard required

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APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - JS

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

JS 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 exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve JS's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, but to issue a warning as to the consequences of any further convictions or appearances before the Committee

75 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MA-A

MA-A did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MA to a future meeting of the Committee.

76 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - ES

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

ES attended the meeting accompanied by 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 exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve ES's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, but to issue a warning as to the consequences of any further convictions or appearances before the Committee

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

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

LSB did not attend.

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 LSB's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to the necessary checks.

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

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

AQH 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 exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from AQH for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the basis that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions and failure to disclose all his convictions on his application form

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

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

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

RSR 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 RSR's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence

80 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - PWW

PWW did not attend.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from PWW to a future meeting of the Committee.

81 REQUEST FOR VEHICLE PLATE EXEMPTION- EAR

The Committee considered a report from the Corporate Director, David Wakelin regarding a request from EAR that his Private Hire Vehicle, once licensed be exempt from displaying a vehicle licence plate.

RESOLVED:

1. That with respect to EAR, the requirement to display vehicle licence plates be waived; and

2. That a notice be issued by the Council which will be permanently displayed at all times, in a position to be agreed, inside the vehicle to be used for chauffeuring purposes, owned by EAR.