ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 12th March, 2013

Councillor M. Paling(Chair)

Councillors:

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

126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brooks, Hollingsworth and Poole.

127 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2013.

RESOLVED:

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

128 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

129 NOTICES SERVED

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

Councillor Clarke entered the meeting.

130 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

The Chairman suggested to Members that additional meetings of the Committee be booked in the afternoon as well as the evening, to assist in clearing the back log of applications waiting to be referred to Committee. An indication of those Members that would be able to attend was requested.

The Chairman reminded Members of the licensing training due to take place at the Hostess Restaurant on 21st June 2013 and requested that registrations of interest be made to the Licensing Officer.

RESOLVED:

1. That officers, in consultation with the Chairman, explore the practicalities of holding additional meetings of the Committee in the afternoon.

2. That the Licensing Officer re-send the email regarding the training to all Members of the Committee.

131 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.

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

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

AS 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 AS's application for a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

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

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

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

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

FA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee/ did not attend the meeting.

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 exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

Hire Driver's License from WFK.

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

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

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

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

FA was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

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

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

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

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

TM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee/ did not attend the meeting.

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 exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve TM's application for a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence subject to the necessary checks.

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

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

MHB attended the meeting and addressed the Committee/ did not attend the meeting.

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