

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 9 September 2014

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Cheryl Hewlett
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Mike Hope
 Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Barbara Miller
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor John Parr
 Councillor Gary Gregory Councillor Stephen Poole

Absent: Councillor Sandra Barnes, Councillor Tony Gillam
 and Councillor Carol Pepper

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, R Pentlow and L Sugden

69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnes and Gillam.

Councillor Prew-Smith attended as substitute for Councillor Pepper, who gave apologies.

70 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 05 AUGUST 2014.

RESOLVED:

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

71 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

72 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

73 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

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.

74 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence.

KB attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve KB's application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

75 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AL

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

AL attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines and took into consideration the circumstances of the event. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve AL's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

76 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SAK

SAK did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from SAK to a future meeting of the Committee. If SAK does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

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APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MMKA

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

MMKA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines and took into consideration the circumstances of the event. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve MMKA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IH

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

IH attended the meeting, accompanied by a friend, and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve IH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's

Licence with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

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

KA did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from KA to a future meeting of the Committee. If KA does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

80 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MZA

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

MZA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse MZA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

MZA was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

81 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MRN

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

MRN attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

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

The meeting finished at 7.00 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: