

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 13 January 2015**

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:           Councillor Bruce Andrews                   Councillor Cheryl Hewlett  
                  Councillor Sandra Barnes               Councillor Mike Hope  
                  Councillor Nicki Brooks                   Councillor Barbara Miller  
                  Councillor Roxanne Ellis               Councillor John Parr  
                  Councillor Tony Gillam                 Councillor Carol Pepper  
                  Councillor Gary Gregory                Councillor Stephen Poole

Absent:                                   Councillor Meredith Lawrence

Officers in Attendance:           R Pentlow and D Blasdale

**160           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lawrence.

**161           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2014.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

Councillor Paling left the Chair and the meeting due to illness.

In accordance with Standing Order 20, in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Brooks was elected to chair the remainder of the meeting.

**162           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**163           ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

**164           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.

**165            ITEM FOR INFORMATION - APPEAL AGAINST THE REFUSAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IK**

**RESOLVED:**

To note the information.

**166            APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - WP**

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

WP 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve WP's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, with a warning as to the necessary consequences of failure to declare any future convictions to the Licensing Department.

Councillor Gillam entered the meeting.

**167            APPLICATION FOR A 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 Licence from MA.

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

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

**168 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MC**

MC did not attend the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

To treat the application from MC as withdrawn as a result of a failure to attend Committee on two occasions.

**169 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MUD**

MUD did not attend the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

To treat the application from MUD as withdrawn as a result of a failure to attend Committee on two occasions.

**170 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - ASD**

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

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

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

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

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

AA 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve AA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, with a warning regarding the necessary consequences of any future failure to declare convictions to the Licensing Department within 7 days.

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**APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - FAM**

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

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

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**APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AA**

AA did not attend the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

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

The meeting finished at 6.00 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: