MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 8 September 2015

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Carol Pepper

Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Gary Gregory Councillor Jane Walker

Absent: Councillor Nicki Brooks, Councillor Bruce Andrews,

Councillor Barbara Miller and Councillor John Parr

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, L Mellors, K Nealon and L Sugden

257 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews, Brooks, Miller and Parr.

Councillors Collis, Lawrence and Poole attended the meeting as substitutes.

TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 4 AUGUST AND 11 AUGUST 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

259 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

260 NOTICES SERVED.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

261 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

262 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.

263 APPLICATION TO RENEW JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO3203 - MS

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

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

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

264 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO 2280 - MW

MW did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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 If MW does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

265 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE AND RENEWAL OF HACKNEY

CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. 2404 - SS

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

SS 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 revoke SS's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License without immediate effect, on the grounds that he is no longer considered a fit and proper person and to give SS 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

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

RIK did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

GSCT 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 GSCT's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire

Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

The meeting finished at 5.50 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: