MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 5 July 2016

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Barbara Miller

Councillor Bruce Andrews
Councillor Sandra Barnes
Councillor Bob Collis
Councillor Gary Gregory
Councillor Bruce Andrews
Councillor John Parr
Councillor Carol Pepper
Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Jane Walker

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow, L Mellors and F Whyley

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

None.

11 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2016

RESOLVED:

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

12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Barnes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.

13 PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE - REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM DISPLAYING A LICENCE PLATE

Councillor Barnes left the Council Chamber.

Consideration was given to a report by Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence Request from Exemption for displaying a licence plate from Ian Lowe.

RESOLVED:

To approve Ian Lowe's application for a Private Hire Operator's Licence Exemption for displaying a licence plate.

Councillor Barnes entered the Council Chamber.

14 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

15 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.

16 APPLICATION TO RENEW JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - FF

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application to renew a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from FF.

FF attended the meeting, along with his solicitor and both 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 approve FF's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year and issued with a warning that he must comply with the terms and conditions of his licence, and to notify the Council of any changes to his circumstances.

17 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KW

KW did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To treat the application from KW as withdrawn as a result of a failure to attend Committee on two occasions.

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

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application to renew a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from JA.

JA 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 approve JA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year.

19 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SM

Consideration was given to a report by Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from SM.

KN 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 JA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year.

The meeting finished at 6.00 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: