

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 3 April 2018

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Carol Pepper
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Bob Collis, Councillor Barbara Miller and
 Councillor Jane Walker

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, C Allcock, L Chaplin and L Mellors

**169 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE
 MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2018**

RESOLVED:

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

170 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Councillors Collis, Miller and Walker.

Councillors Lawrence and Poole attended as substitutes.

171 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

**172 EQUALITY ACT 2010: ASSISTANCE DOGS AND WHEELCHAIR
 ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES**

Consideration was given to a report by the Service Manager, Public Protection, which had been circulated prior to the meeting to seek approval to introduce the Policy of the Carriage of Persons Accompanied by Assistance Dogs in Gedling Borough Licensed Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles including the process to apply for an exemption.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the introduction of the Policy of the Carriage of Persons Accompanied by Assistance Dogs in Gedling Borough Licensed Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles found at Appendix 1 of this report including the process to apply for an exemption.
2. To approve that the Council implements s.167 of the Act, to maintain and publish a list of designated wheelchair accessible vehicles.
3. To approve the introduction of the Policy on the Carriage of Persons in Wheelchairs when Carried in a Designated Vehicle found at Appendix 2 of this report including the process to apply for an exemption.
4. To delegate all functions and responsibilities under the Act and any regulations made there under, to the Director for Health and Wellbeing.
5. To authorise the Director of Health and Wellbeing in consultation with the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services to authorise legal proceedings under the Act

173 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

174 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.

175 APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - (SS)

SS did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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

176 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - (UA)

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a renewal Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for UA.

UA 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

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

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

177 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - (MNA)

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for MNA.

MNA attend 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 policy.

To approve MNA's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for 1 year.

178 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - (KS)

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for KS.

KS 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 policy.

To approve KS's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year and issue with a warning to notify the Council of any future incidents and convictions.

The meeting finished at 5.40 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: