

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 9 March 2021

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Julie Najuk
 Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor John Truscott
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Des Gibbons

Absent: Councillor Sam Smith

Officers in Attendance: C Allcock, A Dubberley and P Gibbs

70 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith.

**71 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2021**

RESOLVED:

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

72 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

73 STATUTORY TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE STANDARDS

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Environment and Communities and Leisure advising members of the recommendations of the working group, appointed to consider the impact of the Department of Transport's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards on the Council's policies, procedures and conditions.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the recommendations of the working group; and
- 2) Approve that the matters contained at Appendix 1 and 2 of the report be issued for an eight week public consultation.

74 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

75 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.

76 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (AMS)

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Environment, Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for AMS.

AMS attended the meeting, along with 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse AMS's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

AMS was advised of the right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

77 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (AI)

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Environment, Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for AI.

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

AI was advised of the right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

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CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

Councillor Bosworth joined the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Environment Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence.

NS attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

RESOLVED:

To suspend NS's licence for 28 days.

NS was given 21 days to surrender his licence and was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 4.15 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: