

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 2 November 2021

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:	Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor Pat Bosworth	Councillor Martin Smith
	Councillor Des Gibbons	Councillor Sam Smith
	Councillor Julie Najuk	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis and Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Officers in Attendance: L Chaplin, A Dubberley, P Gibbs and B Hopewell

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Roxanne Ellis and Wilkinson.

41 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2021

RESOLVED:

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

42 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

43 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

44 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.

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE HOLDER OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

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.

AK attended the meeting along with a family member and they both addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Suspend AK's licence for 60 days with immediate effect; and
- 2) Issue a warning to AK that such conduct fell short of the expected standard for Hackney Carriage Drivers and that further such incidents would result in another appearance before the Committee.

AK was given until 12 pm on the following day to surrender his Hackney Carriage/Private Hire vehicle plates and was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 5.30 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: