

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 6 September 2022

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:	Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor Rachael Ellis	Councillor Sam Smith
	Councillor Des Gibbons	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
	Councillor Mike Hope	Councillor Paul Wilkinson
	Councillor Julie Najuk	

Absent: Councillor Pat Bosworth and Councillor Martin Smith

Officers in Attendance: J Brough, L Chaplin, P Gibbs and B Hopewell

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received by Councillors Bosworth and Martin Smith. Councillor Hope attended as substitute.

2 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2022

RESOLVED:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

4 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.

Permission was sought from the Members and SAA for JW to observe the meeting for training purposes.

5 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS 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.

SAA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Suspend SAA's licence for 14 days; and
- 2) Issue a warning to SAA 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.

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

6 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 5.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: