

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 29 November 2022

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent: Councillor Pat Bosworth

Officers in C Allcock, J Brough, B Hopewell and R Pentlow
Attendance:

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Bosworth.

23 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2022.

RESOLVED:

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

24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

25 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

26 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 reports involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

27 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - WA

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding an application for a one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for WA.

WA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

Approve WA's application for a one year Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

28 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - EA

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, 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.

EA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To suspend EA licence for three months; and
- 2) Issue a warning to EA 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.

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

29 ITEM FOR INFORMATION - APPEAL OUTCOME FOR MJA

Consideration was given to a report which gave information about a recently decided appeal against the revocation of a license.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

The meeting finished at 6.35 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: