

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 18 April 2023

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent:

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

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

None.

38 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2023.

RESOLVED:

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

39 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

40 INTRODUCTION OF FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT 1993 SECTION 19A RELATING TO EMISSIONS OF SMOKE IN A SMOKE CONTROL AREA.

The Chair advised that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda and that it would be considered at a future meeting.

41 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

42 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.

43 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AND AN APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS LICENCE - JR

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 and an application for a one year Private Hire Operators Licence for JR.

JR attended the meeting and he addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To refuse JR's application for a one year Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence and a one year Private Hire Operators Licence.

44 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MRQ

The Committee was informed that MRQ's representative had requested that the matter be adjourned to another date to allow MRQ to attend the committee.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application to the next available meeting of the committee.

45 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KM

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 KM.

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

In making its decision, the Committee found that there were exceptional mitigating circumstances surrounding the offences which allowed for departure from the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

RESOLVED to:

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

The meeting finished at 5.25 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: