

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 3 October 2023**

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present: Councillor Marje Paling                      Councillor Sue Pickering  
          Councillor Rachael Ellis                    Councillor Alex Scroggie  
          Councillor Des Gibbons                    Councillor Paul Wilkinson  
          Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott, Councillor Martin Smith and Councillor Clive  
          Towsey-Hinton

Officers in Attendance: J Brough, L Chaplin, B Cox, B Hopewell, Hutchinson and K Nealon

**29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smith and Towsey-Hinton. Councillor Bestwick attended as substitute.

**30 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**31 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**32 CONSULTATION ON A BOROUGH WIDE SMOKE CONTROL AREA DECLARATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to carry out a public consultation on a proposal to declare the Borough as a smoke Control Area and to publish a notice and draft order for comment.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Approve a public consultation on the draft order at Appendix B for a period of 6 weeks; and
- 2) Approve the publishin of a notice and draft order in the London Gazette and a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks.

**33 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

**34 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.

**35 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE IK**

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.

IK attended the meeting and addressed the committee.

IK informed Members that his solicitor was unable to attend the meeting and requested that consideration be deferred until the next available committee.

**RESOLVED:**

To defer consideration of the application to the next available Committee to give IK's solicitor the opportunity to appear before the Committee.

**36 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENSE MH**

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.

MH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

**RESOLVED:**

To suspend MH's Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for 7 days and to issue a warning to MH that such conduct fell short of the expected standard and advised that he refresh his knowledge of the terms and conditions of his licence and ensure compliance with them.

MH 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 5.10 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: