

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present: Councillor Marje Paling Councillor Sue Pickering
 Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Martin Smith
 Councillor Paul Hughes Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Des Gibbons and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Officers in J Brough, L Chaplin, B Hopewell, A Hutchinson and R Towlson
Attendance:

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

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

10 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JANUARY 2024.

RESOLVED:

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

11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

12 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

13 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.

14 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE- AN

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

AN attended the meeting along with a friend and they both addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

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

15 APPLICATION FOR A ONE-YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE- MMK

The Chair excused herself from the meeting due to prior contact with the applicant and Councillor Paling as Vice Chair took the Chair.

James Brough (Licensing Enforcement Officer) joined the meeting.

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

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

MMK was advised of the right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

16 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - NS

The Chair rejoined the meeting.

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.

NS attended the meeting along with a friend and they both addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

Issue a warning to NS that the pattern of complaints gave cause for concern and to be mindful of his conduct going forward.

The meeting finished at 7.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: