

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present: Councillor Marje Paling Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Martin Smith
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Julie Najuk Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Sue Pickering

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott

Officers in C Allcock, J Brough, B Hopewell and A Hutchinson
Attendance:

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elliott.

18 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024.

RESOLVED:

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

19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

20 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

21 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.

22 APPLICATION FOR A ONE-YEAR JOINT HACKNEY

CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE- GA

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 GA.

GA 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 refuse GA's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

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.

HA attended the meeting along with a friend and he addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

- 1) To suspend HA's licence for 56 days; and
- 2) Issue a warning to HA 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.

HA 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 6.20 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: