

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present:	Councillor Marje Paling Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Julie Najuk	Councillor Sue Pickering Councillor Sam Smith Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton Councillor Paul Wilkinson
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Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott, Councillor Alex Scroggie and Councillor Martin Smith

Officers in Attendance: T Adams, J Brough, L Chaplin, B Hopewell, K Nealon and R Towlson

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elliott, Scroggie and Martin Smith. Councillor Sam Smith attended as substitute.

2 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2025.

RESOLVED:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

4 PROPOSED TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2025/26

The Community Protection Manager introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, which asked Members to consider the response to the consultation contained in Appendix 1, and the Finance Department response in Appendix 2, regarding the proposed taxi fees at Appendix 3 that were approved for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 at the meeting held on 15th April 2025.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Consider the response to the consultation on the taxi fees attached at Appendix 1 and the response of the Finance Department at Appendix 2; and
- 2) Approve that the fees currently in effect for 2024/2025 continue to be charged from 1st July 2025, until such time revised fees are brought forward for approval.

5 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

6 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.

7 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - YHC

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Place, 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.

YC attended the meeting along with a family member and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1) To suspend YC licence for 14 days;
- 2) Issue a warning to YC that such conduct fell short of the expected standard for Hackney Carriage Drivers and that further such incidents should be reported immediately; and
- 3) YC 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 5.45 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: