

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 15 October 2013

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Mike Hope
 Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Barbara Miller
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Stephen Poole
 Councillor Tony Gillam Councillor Henry Wheeler

Absent: Councillor Bruce Andrews, Councillor Ged Clarke and
 Councillor John Parr

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, R Pentlow, L Sugden, P Baguley and
 K Nealon

71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrews, Clarke and Parr.

**72 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2013.**

RESOLVED:

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

73 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

74 REVOCAION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONSENT

The Service Manager, Planning and Economic Development presented the report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the revocation of a Hazardous Substances Consent.

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

75 AMENDMENT OF THE STATEMENT OF POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, David Wakelin, outlining a number of changes to the Statement of Policy and Guidelines for the consideration of applications for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers and Private Hire Operators proposed following a review of the policy by the Licensing Section and Legal Services.

RESOLVED:

To approve, subject to agreed amendments, the revised Statement of Policy and Guidelines for the Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers, Private Hire Drivers and Private Hire Operators with immediate effect.

76 NOTICES SERVED

RESOLVED:

To note the contents of the report.

77 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

78 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.

79 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - BEA

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from BEA.

BEA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse BEA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

BEA was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

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APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AH

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from AH.

AH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse AH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

AH was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

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APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SA

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from SA.

SA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was

satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse SA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

SA was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

82 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - HS

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from HS.

HS attended the meeting, with his friend who acted as interpreter as and when necessary, and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy..

RESOLVED:

To approve HS's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

83 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MH

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MH.

MH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve MH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire

Driver's Licence.

84 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - JSN

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from JSN.

JSN attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

After discussion and on the requisition of two Members the motion to refuse JSN's application was put to a named vote and the motion was carried:

For the motion:	Councillor Barnes	Councillor Brookes
	Councillor Ellis	Councillor Hollingsworth
	Councillor Poole	Councillor Wheeler
Against the motion:	Councillor Paling	Councillor Lawrence
	Councillor Gillam	Councillor Hope
	Councillor Miller	

RESOLVED:

To refuse JSN's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

JSN was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

85 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MOG

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MOG.

MOG attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was

satisfied on balance that exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve MOG's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - RN

This report was withdrawn by the Licensing Officer.

The meeting finished at 7.45 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: