MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 12 November 2013

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Councillor Meredith Lawrence	Councillor Tony Gillam
Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Mike Hope
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Ged Clarke	Councillor Henry Wheeler
	Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Nicki Brooks

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis, Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth and Councillor John Parr

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow and F Whyley

100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ellis, Hollingsworth and Parr.

101 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 OCTOBER 2013.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, an amended copy of which were circulated at the meeting, be approved as a correct record.

102 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

103 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

104 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.

105 APPLICATION FOR A 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 approve SA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

106 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - JS

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

JS 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 suspend JS's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for 56 days. JS was given 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

107 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SS

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

SS 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 SS's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

108 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE - MK

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

MK 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 MK's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

109 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KC

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

KC 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 KC's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

110 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AA

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

AA attended the meeting, with his nephew who 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 AA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

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

111 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MT

Councillor Hope left the meeting.

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

MT 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 MT's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire

Driver's Licence.

112 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MI

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

MI attended the meeting, accompanied by his wife, 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 MI's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

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

The meeting finished at 6.40 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: