

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 10 September 2013

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Roxanne Ellis
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Tony Gillam
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Barbara Miller
 Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Stephen Poole
 Councillor Ged Clarke Councillor Henry Wheeler

Absent: Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Councillor Mike Hope
 and Councillor John Parr

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow and F Whyley

44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Hollingsworth, Hope and Parr.

45 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2013.

RESOLVED:

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

46 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

47 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.

48 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL TO GRANT A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - DCD

RESOLVED:

To note the information with thanks to the Officers involved.

49 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL TO GRANT A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MA

RESOLVED:

To note the information with thanks to the Officers involved.

50 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - KAQ

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

KAQ attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

Councillor Clarke entered the meeting.

51 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MU

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

MU attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

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

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

52 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SNA

This report was withdrawn by the Licensing officer as SNA did not attend and his licence was due to expire.

53 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - HM

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a change of circumstance of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from HM.

HM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To revoke HM's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License without immediate effect, on the grounds that he is no longer considered a fit and proper person and to give HM 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

54 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S 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 has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve AH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee and failure to disclose any future convictions.

55 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE- RJ

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

RJ attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve RJ's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License.

56 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AR

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

AR attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve AR's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License.

57 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SP

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

SP attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that exceptional circumstances exist which warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve SP's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License.

58 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 6.45 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: