

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 7 February 2017

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Carol Pepper
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Bob Collis Councillor Jane Walker
 Councillor Barbara Miller Councillor Meredith Lawrence
 Councillor John Parr

Absent: Councillor Nicki Brooks and Councillor Gary Gregory

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, H Cash, L Chaplin, L Mellors and K Nealon

54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brooks.

Councillor Lawrence attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Gregory, who had given his apologies.

55 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2017.

RESOLVED:

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

56 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

57 PROPOSED GENERAL AND TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2017/18

Consideration was given to the report by the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, to seek approval to a proposed increase to taxi licensing fees for 2017/18 subject to advertising requirements being satisfied and to approve an increase in general fees for 2017/18.

RESOLVED TO:

1. Approve the fees and charges for 2017/18 with effect from 1st April 2017.
2. Approve the fees for taxi operators and vehicle licences for 2017/18 for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, such fees to automatically come into force if no objections are received within the statutory period.
3. Approve the proposed fees for taxi driver's licences for 2017/18 for advertisement and the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing in consultation with the Chair of Environment and Licensing Committee be authorised to agree the final fees after taking into account any comments received during the consultation period.

58 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

59 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.

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

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a change of circumstances of Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for MZ.

MZ 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

To suspend the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by MZ for a period 28 days, without immediate effect and to give MZ 21 days to surrender his licence. And issued with a warning to have the passenger doors of his licenced vehicle locked whilst stationary to prevent unauthorised persons entering the vehicle.

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

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

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a change of circumstances of Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for JC.

JC 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

To suspend the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by JC for a period 28 days, without immediate effect and to give JC 21 days to surrender his licence. And issued with a warning that his licence may be revoked by the Committee should he receive further Fixed Penalty Notice for smoking in a licenced vehicle.

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

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

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for SS.

SS attended the meeting along with 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve SS's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year.

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

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for AR.

AR attended the meeting along with 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve AR's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year.

The meeting finished at 6.05 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: