MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 1 August 2017

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Sarah Hewson

Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Bob Collis Councillor Carol Pepper
Councillor Gary Gregory Councillor Jane Walker

Absent: Councillor Nicki Brooks and Councillor Alex Scroggie

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow, C Allcock, L Chaplin and L Mellors

100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Councillor Lawrence attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Brooks, who had given her apologies.

Councillor Wilkinson attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Scroggie, who had given his apologies.

101 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, 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 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SH

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 SH.

SH attended the meeting along with a friend. SH 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 revoke the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by SH without immediate effect and to give SH 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

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

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 RSA.

RSA 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 revoke the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by RSA without immediate effect and to give RSA 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

107 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - DMJ

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 DMJ.

DMJ 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 policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve DMJ's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year. And issue with a warning to notify the Council in writing of any future incidents and subsequent convictions.

108 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MKH

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 MKH.

MKH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

6.05pm Councillor Walker left the meeting.

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 policy.

RESOLVED:

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

6.20pm Councillors Andrews and Hewson left the meeting.

109 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE

HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KW

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 KW.

KW attended the meeting along with his wife. KW 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 refuse KW's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

110 ITEM FOR INFORMATION - TAXI APPEAL - AM

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: