

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 6 February 2018**

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:           Councillor Nicki Brooks                   Councillor Alex Scroggie  
                  Councillor Bruce Andrews           Councillor Jane Walker  
                  Councillor Bob Collis                   Councillor Paul Wilkinson  
                  Councillor Sarah Hewson

Absent:                                   Councillor Sandra Barnes, Councillor Barbara Miller  
  and Councillor Carol Pepper

Officers in Attendance:           P Gibbs, A Callingham, L Chaplin, L Mellors and  
  C Allcock

**148           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Barnes, Miller and Pepper.

Councillor Lawrence attended as substitute.

**149           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2017.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

1. Minute Item 143 remove 'which warranted no departure from policy' and amend to read 'which warranted departure from policy'.
2. Minute Item 145 remove 'issued with a warning' and amend to read 'and issue with a warning'.

**150           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**151           PROPOSED GENERAL AND TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2018/19**

Consideration was given to the report by the Service Manager, Public Protection, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, to seek approval for a proposed increase to taxi licensing fees for 2018/19.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To approve the fees and charges for 2018/19 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
2. To approve the fees for taxi operators and vehicle licences as detailed in Appendix 1 for 2018/19 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. To approve the proposed fees for taxi driver's licences detailed in for 2018/19 for advertisement and the Corporate Director 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.

**152 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

**153 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.

**154 APPLICATION FOR A RENEWAL OF A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE (AQ)**

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 renewal Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for AQ.

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

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

**155 APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE (BA)**

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 BA.

BA 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 approve BA's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year only due to his previous convictions.

**156 APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE (MDS)**

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 MDS.

MDS 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 approve MDS's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 3 years.

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**APPLIATION FOR A THREE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE (UY)**

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 UY.

UY 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 approve UY's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 3 years.

The meeting finished at 6.00 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: