MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 6 March 2018

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Carol Pepper

Councillor Bruce Andrews
Councillor Sandra Barnes
Councillor Sarah Hewson
Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Bruce Andrews
Councillor Alex Scroggie
Councillor Jane Walker
Councillor Paul Wilkinson
Councillor Meredith Lawrence

Absent: Councillor Bob Collis

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow, L Mellors and F Whyley

158 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Councillor Collis.

Councillor Lawrence attended as substitute.

TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2018.

RESOLVED:

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

160 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Walker declared a non-pecuniary interest for Item 4.

Councillor Walker left the Chamber.

161 UPDATE OF BYELAWS RELATING TO ACUPUNCTURE, TATTOOING, SEMI-PERMANENT SKIN-COLOURING, COSMETIC PIERCING AND ELECTROLYSIS

RESOLVED:

7.1 To approve the draft byelaws at Appendix A to go out to consultation in the manner set out in the report.

- 7.2 To authorise the Service Manager in consultation with the Chairman of Environment and Licensing Committee to assess responses from the consultation to determine whether the byelaws need to be referred back to the Environment and Licensing Committee prior to adoption.
- 7.3 To authorise the Service Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Environment and Licensing Committee to make any minor amendments to the byelaws following consultation and prior to referral to full Council for making.
- 7.4 Subject to the results of the consultation, recommend the byelaws at Appendix A with any minor amendments necessary, be referred to Council and to be made under seal.

162 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

Councillor Walker entered the Chamber.

163 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.

164 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER- TM

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 TM.

TM attended the meeting along with a friend 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.

Councillor Wilkinson entered the Chamber.

RESOLVED:

To approve continuation of TM's licence with a warning to notify the Council of any pending convictions.

165 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER- JSN

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 JSN.

JSN 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:

Committee approved to take no action against JSN.

166 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER- GK

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 GK.

GK attended the meeting with his daughter and both 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 GK without immediate effect and to give GK 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

167 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IM

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 IM.

IM attend 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.

To approve IM's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for 6 months.

168 APPEAL AGAINST DECISION FOR IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSE- MA

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

The meeting finished at 6.15 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: