

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Carol Pepper
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Jane Walker
 Councillor Bob Collis Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Barbara Miller

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

179 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Councillors Collis and Miller.

180 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2018.

RESOLVED:

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

181 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

182 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

183 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.

184 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AA

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 AA.

AA 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.

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

185 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SAI

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 SAI.

SAI 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 SAI'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.

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

186 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - MS

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 MS.

MS 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 MS without immediate effect and to give MS 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

187 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - IY

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 IY.

IY attended the meeting with his cousin 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from policy.

RESOLVED:

To suspend the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by IY for 56 days with a warning, without immediate effect and to give IY 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

188 APPEAL AGAINST COMMITTEES DECISION FOR IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - MS

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, reporting the outcome of an appeal against the revocation of a Taxi License.

RESOLVED:

To note that the appeal was dismissed.

The meeting finished at 6.30 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: