

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Paul Stirland
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor John Truscott
 Councillor Tammy Bisset Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis and Councillor Carol Pepper

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow, L Chaplin, C Allcock, K Nealon and H Lee

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Ellis and C Pepper.

52 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2018.

RESOLVED:

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

53 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

54 THE ANIMAL WELFARE (LICENSING OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ANIMALS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2018

Consideration was given to a report by the Service Manager, Public Protection, which had been circulated prior to the meeting , regarding The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To note the contents of the report and the procedural changes being made by the Council to administer the new animal activities licencing regime.

- 2) Approve the application and licence fees for the new animal licensing process.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing to exercise all functions under The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.

55 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

56 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.

57 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - WS

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

WS attended the meeting with a colleague and addressed the Committee.

In making a decision the Committee considered the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that WS was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

RESOLVED:

To revoke the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by WS giving WS 21 days to surrender the licence.

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

58 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MG

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

MG attended the meeting with a colleague and addressed the Committee.

In making a decision the Committee considered the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that MG was still fit and proper but that his behaviour fell below the standards required.

RESOLVED:

To suspend the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by MG for 28 days giving MG 21 days to surrender the licence.

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

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

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

AI attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making a 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 the policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve AI's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers' licence for a period of 1 year.

The meeting finished at 6.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: