

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 15 January 2019

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Carol Pepper
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor John Truscott
 Councillor Tammy Bisset Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis

Absent: Councillor Paul Stirland

Officers in Attendance: R Pentlow, L Mellors, L Chaplin and K Nealon

69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apology for absence was received from Councillor Stirland.

70 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2018.

RESOLVED:

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

Item 60 to read: 'Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bisset, Scroggie, Pepper and Ellis. Councillors Gregory and Poole attended as substitutes.

71 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

72 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

73 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.

74 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE HOLDER OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MG

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

MG attended the meeting along with his solicitor and both addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

RESOLVED:

That MG to keep his licence with a warning about his behaviour and that should he appear before the Committee for similar conduct in the future the Committee are likely to revoke his licence. A letter of apology to be written to the members of staff involved.

75 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - GSQ

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 a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for GSQ.

GSQ 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 no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from policy.

RESOLVED:

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

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

76 APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - 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 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 approve MS's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for 1 year. And issue with a warning to declare all convictions on future application forms.

77 REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM DISPLAYING A LICENCE PLATE ON A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE UNDER SECTION 75(3) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Consideration was given to a report by Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding a request for an exemption from displaying a licence plate on a private hire vehicle under Section 75 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

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:

- 1) To grant an exemption to Mr Jason Gorey of J G Travel Ltd under Section 75 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to be exempt from displaying licensing plates on any vehicle operated by him whilst carrying out executive/corporate business as long as he is the holder of a current private hire operator's licence. The exemption also provides that the driver of the vehicle is not required to wear a badge.

- 2) That Mr Gorey carry a notice in the vehicle at all times stating the terms of the exemption.

The meeting finished at 5.30 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: