

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 5 November 2019

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Sam Smith
 Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor John Truscott
 Councillor Julie Najuk Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott, Councillor Roxanne Ellis and
 Councillor Rachael Ellis

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

41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elliott, Councillor Roxanne Ellis and Councillor Rachael Ellis.

42 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED:

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

43 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

44 TAXI RATES AND FARES

Consideration was given to the amended report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, circulated prior to the meeting, to request Members to make changes and amendments to the current Hackney Carriage Rates and Fares.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To approve the proposed rates and fares detailed in Appendix A to the report;
- 2) To approve that the rates and fares detailed in Appendix A are

advertised in accordance with Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 65 for a consultation period of 28 days;

- 3) To approve a consultation period of 28 days;
- 4) To delegate authority to the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, in consultation with the Chair of the Environment and Licensing Committee, to agree the final rates and fares, after taking into account any objections or comments received during the consultation period and making any adjustments as considered appropriate; and
- 5) That following approval, Members approve final rates and fares, with any adjustments deemed necessary, become effective from 1st January 2020.

45 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

46 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.

47 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE MHA

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

MHA attended the meeting along with his wife and both addressed the Committee.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the change of circumstance of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for MHA to a future Committee.

MHA to contact the Council should he wish to share any additional information with the Committee which will be added as an appendix to the report.

48 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT 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 Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for GSQ.

GSQ attended the meeting along with a friend who addressed the Committee.

RESOLVED:

To defer GSQ's application until the after the Court hearing.

49 APPLICATION FOR A 3 YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE IH

IH did not attend the meeting.

The Licensing office informed the Committee that an email had been received from IH requesting to defer his application

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the Change of Circumstances for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from IH to the next meeting of the Committee. If IH does not attend his next appointment, the Change of Circumstance will be considered in his absence.

The meeting finished at 5.10 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: