

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 14 January 2020

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis

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

59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ellis.

60 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2019.

RESOLVED:

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

61 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

62 AIR QUALITY (TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES DATABASE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2019 – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Consideration was given to the report of the Community Protection Manager, circulated prior to the meeting, to inform Members of a new statutory requirement being placed on all Local Authorities to submit information to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for the purpose of maintaining a database in relation to all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles licensed by them.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To note the new statutory provisions of the Air Quality (Taxi and

Private Hire Vehicles Database) (England and Wales) Regulations 2019, and associated statutory guidance.

- 2) To note the obligations placed on the Council under the Regulations as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the Community Protection and Pollution Control Manager.

63 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

64 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.

65 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVES LICENCE (MR)

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 License for MR.

MR attended the meeting along with a friend who 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 MR, giving MR 21 days to surrender the licence.

MR was advised of the right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

66 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE /

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (JGJC)

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 JGJC.

JGJC attended the meeting and 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 JGJC's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

JGJC was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee. JGJC refused to take the Decision Notice from the Legal Advisor and left the meeting.

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APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE (SZ)

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

SZ attended the meeting Along 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 approve SZ's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for one year.

The meeting finished at 5.50 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: