

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 4 February 2020

Councillor Nicki Brooks (Chair)

Present: Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Sam Smith
 Councillor Boyd Elliott Councillor John Truscott
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor Rachael Ellis
 Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Marje Paling and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

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

68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paling and Towsey-Hinton.

69 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2020.

RESOLVED:

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

70 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

71 PROPOSED GENERAL AND TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2020/21

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Community Health and Wellbeing to approve the proposed fees for taxi drivers, operator and vehicle for 1920/21.

RESOLVED to approve:

- 1) The fees and charges for 2020/21 with effect from 1st April 2020;
- 2) The fees for taxi operators and vehicle licences for 2020/21 for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government

(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, such fees to automatically come into force if no objections are received within the statutory period; and

- 3) The proposed fees for taxi driver's licences detailed in for 2020/21 for advertisement and the Director in consultation with the Chair of Environment and Licensing Committee be authorised to agree the final fees after taking into account any comments received during the consultation period.

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

Consideration was given to a report of the 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 RCU.

RCU attended the meeting along with a friend. RCU addressed the meeting.

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 RCU's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for one year and issue with a warning that should he commit any further offences his licence will have to be reconsidered.

75 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AQ

Consideration was given to a report of the 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 AQ.

AQ 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 AQ's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence. He was advised that he could reapply and should include character references for consideration with his reapplication.

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

76 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AI

Consideration was given to a report of the 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 AI.

AI 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 AI's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person because he had not informed the Council of his convictions in 2018.

AI was advised of his right to appeal against the Decision Notice of the Committee.

77 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - TIG

Consideration was given to a report of the 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 TIG.

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

The meeting finished at 6.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: