

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 3 March 2020

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, C Goodall and F Whyley

78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

None.

79 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2020.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment at item 68 to record that Councillor Rachael Ellis attended as substitute for Councillor Paling.

80 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

81 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 of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing to consider a request from a licenced private hire operator to be exempt from displaying plates on his vehicle.

RESOLVED:

- 1) To grant an exemption to Mr Shah Jahan of Shah's Executive Travel 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 Jahan carry a notice in the vehicle at all times stating the terms of the exemption.

82 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

83 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.

Councillor Gibbons joined the meeting.

84 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AE

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

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

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

85 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - FW

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

FW 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from policy.

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

Consideration was given to the 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 MES.

MES 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 MES' application for a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

Councillor Brooks left the meeting.

87 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE /

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AAC

Consideration was given to the 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 AAC.

AAC 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 AAC's application for a joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

The meeting finished at 6.30 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: