

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 4 August 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 and H Lee

**7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

None received.

**8 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2020**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**9 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**10 STATUTORY TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE STANDARDS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Community Health and Wellbeing, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the introduction of the department of Transport of the Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards. Members of the committee were asked to establish a working group to consider the impact of the new standards on the Council's taxi licensing processes and policies.

**RESOLVED to**

- 1) Note the introduction of the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards;

- 2) Establish a working group to consider the impact of the new standards on the Council's taxi licensing process and policies; and
- 3) Report any proposals made by the working group to the committee.

**11 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

**12 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.

**13 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SH**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding an application for a one year Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence. SH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making the 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 the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds he is not a fit and proper person.

**14 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - TA**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated in advance of the

meeting, regarding an application for a one year Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence.

TA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee. In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

**RESOLVED to:**

Approve TA's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for one year.

Councillors Bosworth and Towsey-Hinton left the meeting at 6:05 pm

**15 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence No. 2852

MAM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making the 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:**

Suspend MAM's licence for 28 days with a warning to be more conscious of speed limits in the future. MAM was given 21 days to surrender his licence.

**16 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence No. 3473

EAC did not attend the meeting.

**RESOLVED to:**

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

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: