

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 11 February 2014

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Tony Gillam
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Mike Hope
 Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Stephen Poole
 Councillor Ged Clarke Councillor Henry Wheeler
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis

Absent: Councillor Barbara Miller and Councillor John Parr

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs and D Blasdale

142 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miller and Parr.

143 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2013.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:

1. To mark D. Blasdale as an Officer in Attendance.

144 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

145 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

The Chair advised Members that information about the Taxi Driver Knowledge Test would be reported to the next Committee and Members were invited to contact the Licensing team, should they wish to look at or take the test.

146 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.

147 APPEAL REPORT AGAINST REVOCATION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JGS

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

148 APPEAL REPORT AGAINST REFUSAL TO GRANT A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SY

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

149 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MJS

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a change of circumstance of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MJS.

MJS 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 this policy.

RESOLVED:

To revoke MJS's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License without immediate effect, on the grounds that he is no longer considered a fit and proper person and to give MJS 21 days to surrender his licence.

MJS was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

150 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MSA

MSA did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the change of circumstance of MSA's Hackney Carriage/Private Driver's Licence to the next meeting of the committee on the 11th of March. If MSA does not attend the next meeting, his licence will be revoked with immediate effect.

151 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MWN

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MWN.

MWN 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 this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse MWN's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

MWN was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

Councillor Poole left the meeting.

Councillor Brookes entered the meeting.

152 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AAS

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from AAS.

AAS 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 this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve AAS's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Councillor Wheeler left the meeting.

153 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MN

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MN.

MN attended the meeting, with his wife, who addressed the Committee on his behalf.

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 this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve MN's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Councillor Hope left the meeting.
Councillor Barnes left the meeting.

154 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - AS

AS sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from AS to a future meeting of the Committee. If AS does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

155 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - NH

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from NH.

NH 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 this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve NH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

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APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JH

JH did not attend Committee.

RESOLVED:

To treat the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from JH as withdrawn as it had previously been deferred due to non-attendance.

The meeting finished at 6.35 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: