

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 8 September 2020**

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent:   Councillor Nicki Brooks and Councillor Sam Smith

Officers in Attendance:           L Chaplin, P Gibbs and H Lee

**17           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brooks and Smith.

**18           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2020**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to add the legal officer who was also in attendance.

**19           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

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

None.

**21           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.

**22 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF 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 Joint Hackney Carriage /Private Hire Driver's Licence for YA.

YA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

**RESOLVED to:**

Defer consideration of the Change of Circumstances for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for YA to the next meeting of the committee, so further information could be provided.

**23 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF 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 following a complaint about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence for UY.

UY attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

Two Community Protection Officers attended and addressed the meeting.

In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

**RESOLVED:**

That due to UY's behaviour, on the balance of probabilities he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a Licence.

To revoke UY's Joint Hackney Carriage /Private Hire Driver's Licence. UY was given 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

Councillor Gibbons left the meeting at 3.30pm

**CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF 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 a Joint Hackney Carriage /Private Hire Driver's Licence for EAC.

EAC did not attend the meeting for the third time and a decision was taken in his absence.

In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

**RESOLVED:**

That due to EAC being convicted of an offence under the Equality Act 2010, involving him breaching his duty as a taxi driver, on the balance of probabilities he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a Licence.

To revoke EAC's Joint Hackney Carriage /Private Hire Driver's Licence. EAC was given 21 days to surrender his licence.

The meeting finished at 4.15 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: