

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 6 October 2020**

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:           Councillor Nicki Brooks                               Councillor Julie Najuk  
                  Councillor Boyd Elliott                           Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton  
                  Councillor Rachael Ellis                           Councillor John Truscott  
                  Councillor Roxanne Ellis                       Councillor Paul Wilkinson  
                  Councillor Mike Hope

Absent:                               Councillor Pat Bosworth, Councillor Des Gibbons and  
  Councillor Sam Smith

Officers in Attendance:       C Allcock, A Dubberley and R Pentlow

**25           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bosworth, Gibbons and Sam Smith. Councillors Rachel Ellis and Hope attended as substitutes.

**26           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**27           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**28           TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Health and Community Wellbeing setting out proposed increases for the fees payable for taxi licenses, subject to advertising and consultation.

**RESOLVED to approve:**

- 1) Fees for taxi operators and vehicle licences, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report for 2020/21, for advertisement in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that such fees will automatically come into force if no objections are received within the statutory period.

If any objections are received within the statutory period that these be referred back to Committee for consideration in accordance with the legislation; and

- 2) The proposed fees for taxi driver's licences detailed in Appendix 1 to the report 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.

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

None.

**30 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.

**31 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MJA**

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 complaints about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence for MJA.

MJA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

A Community Protection Officer attended and addressed the meeting.

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

**RESOLVED:**

That due to MJA's behaviour, it was considered that he was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a Licence.

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

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

**32 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MA**

Councillor Hope joined the meeting at 3:02 pm.

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 one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for MA. MA attended the meeting with a friend and addressed the committee. In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

**RESOLVED:**

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

**33 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - YA**

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. Consideration of the report had been deferred from the previous meeting so that further information could be provided. This had been provided and circulated to members.

YA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

To issue a warning to YA that the incidents described in the report fell short of the behaviour expected of a license holder and that if any further such incidents came to the attention of the Council, a further review of the license would be carried out by this Committee.

The meeting finished at 3.47 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: