

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 12 January 2021**

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent:                                   Councillor Sam Smith and Councillor John Truscott

Officers in Attendance:           C Allcock, A Dubberley and P Gibbs

**55           APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Smith.

**56           TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 1 AND 8 DECEMBER 2020.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meetings, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record subject to clarifying minutes 53 and 54 to make clear the reasons that the applications were being deferred.

**57           DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None received.

**58           AIR QUALITY (TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES DATABASE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2019 – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING 2020 REVISION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Community Protection Manager which concerned the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to the statutory requirement placed on all local authorities to submit information to DEFRA for the purposes of maintaining a database in relation to all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles licensed by the Council.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the obligations placed on the Council under the Regulations as outlined in the amended Memorandum of Understanding, signed by the Community Protection and Pollution Control Manager; and
- 2) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Director of Health and Community Wellbeing to sign Memorandums of Understanding biannually unless there is a significant change to the MOU.

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

None.

**60 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.

**61 APPLICATION FOR A 1 YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - CP**

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Environment, Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for CP.

CP attended the meeting.

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 CP's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

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

Consideration was given to a report of Corporate Director of Environment, Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for TUR. The application had been deferred from the previous meeting to allow the applicant to provide references. Members briefly adjourned to consider the references.

TUR attended the meeting.

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 TUR's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

The meeting finished at 3.30 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: