

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 10 August 2021

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Martin Smith
 Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor John Truscott
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Sam Smith

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

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sam Smith.

19 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2021

RESOLVED:

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

20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

21 MOBILE HOMES FIT AND PROPER POLICY

Consideration was given to a report of the Food Health and Housing Manager seeking approval of the Fit and Proper Policy found at Appendix A to the report, which would enable the Policy to be used in accordance with new legal requirements.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the content of the report and the changes in legislation relating to mobile home and caravan sites;
- 2) Approve the adoption of a Fit and Proper Person Policy 2021; and
- 3) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Environment Communities and Leisure to approve licences under the policy.

22 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

23 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.

24 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - ALB

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Environment, Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

ALB attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making the decision the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines and determined that exceptional circumstances existed to warrant departure from them.

RESOLVED to:

Issue a warning to ALB that such conduct fell short of the expected standard for Hackney Carriage Drivers and that further such incidents would result in another appearance before the Committee.

The meeting finished at 4.55 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: