

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 15 April 2014

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Tony Gillam
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Mike Hope
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Barbara Miller
 Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor John Parr
 Councillor Ged Clarke Councillor Stephen Poole
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Henry Wheeler

Absent: Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs and L Sugden

171 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hollingsworth.

172 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2014.

RESOLVED:

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

173 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

174 MOBILE HOMES FEES POLICY

Consideration was given to a report of the Food, Health and Housing Manager, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of changes in legislation which allow the Council to introduce charges for Mobile Homes sites, and to seek the approval of Members for the Policy and scale of fees.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the Mobile Homes Fees Policy 2014.

2. To approve the fees and charges set out within the Mobile Homes Fees Policy 2014.

175 NOTICES SERVED

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of notices served this quarter.

Councillor Clarke thanked the Officers involved for their excellent work.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

176 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

177 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.

178 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SAA

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 SAA.

SAA 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 suspend SAA's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License without immediate effect.

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

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

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

HR attended the meeting, with a friend, 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 HR's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

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

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

MA 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 MA to a future meeting of the Committee. If MA does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

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

CBA 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 CBA to a future meeting of the Committee. If CBA does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

182 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MA

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 MA.

MA 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 MA'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 MA 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

183 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MZ

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 MZ.

MZ attended the meeting with his solicitor, 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 revoke MZ'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 MZ 21 days to surrender his licence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The meeting finished at Time Not Specified

Signed by Chair:
Date: