

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 18 January 2022**

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:	Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor Pat Bosworth	Councillor Martin Smith
	Councillor Rachael Ellis	Councillor Sam Smith
	Councillor Des Gibbons	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
	Councillor Julie Najuk	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent:

Officers in Attendance: L Chaplin, P Gibbs, B Hopewell, K Nealon and R Pentlow

**8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

None.

**9 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 NOVEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**11 PROPOSED GENERAL AND TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2022/23**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval for proposed general fees for 2022/2023 and for proposed fees for Taxi Drivers, Operators and vehicle licenses that would apply for 2022/23 subject to advertisement requirements being satisfied.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Approve the fees and charges detailed in Appendix 1 of the report with effect from 1 April 2022; and
- 2) Approve the fees for taxi driver, operators and vehicle licences as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report for 2022/23 for advertisement in

accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, such fees to 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.

**12 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROSECUTION UNDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ETC. ACT 1974 - SECTION 3**

The Senior Legal Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Members of an incident involving breaches of health and safety law at a local company and to obtain Committee approval to commence legal proceedings.

A motion was passed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing reports on the grounds that the discussion posed questions of the report that involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**RESOLVED to:**

1. Approve that a prosecution is brought subject to the Head of Governance and Customer Services being satisfied with the evidence; and
2. Authorise Doreen Cunnington Environmental Health Officer to bring proceedings in her name as the investigator into this incident as required by Section 38 of the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974.

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

None.

**14 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.

**15 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - MM**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, 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.

MM attended the meeting along with his representative DW and addressed the Committee.

The Committee heard the audio recording from the interview held between MM and Gedling Borough Council Licensing Officers. The Members then heard the audio of the telephone call between the witness and DG Cars.

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

**RESOLVED:**

To take no further action.

**16 ITEM FOR INFORMATION - APPEAL OUTCOME - KM**

**RESOLVED:**

To note the information.

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: