

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 8 February 2022

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor Julie Najuk
 Councillor Pat Bosworth Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Sam Smith
 Councillor Des Gibbons Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Martin Smith and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Officers in C Allcock, J Brough, B Hopewell and R Pentlow
Attendance:

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Martin Smith and Towsey-Hinton.

18 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED:

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

19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

20 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

21 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.

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APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. AH

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a three year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for AH.

AH attended the meeting and he addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

Approve AH's application for a one year Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence with a warning.

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

Councillor Najuk joined the meeting.

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CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

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.

OA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

The Committee viewed a CCTV recording of an incident involving OA and a member of the public.

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

RESOLVED:

To revoke the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by OA, giving OA 21 days to surrender the licence.

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

Councillor Paling left the chamber.

Councillor Brooks assumed the chair.

24 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE AND APPLICATION TO RENEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

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.

BS attended the meeting and he addressed the Committee.

The Committee viewed a CCTV recording of an incident involving BS and a member of the public.

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

RESOLVED to:

Issue a warning to BS 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.

25 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

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.

ES attended the meeting along with a legal representative and they both addressed the Committee.

The Committee viewed a CCTV recording of an incident involving ES and a member of the public.

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

RESOLVED:

To take no further action.

The meeting finished at 7.45 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: