

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 17 May 2022

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent: Councillor Nicki Brooks and Councillor Sam Smith

Officers in L Chaplin, M Cryer, P Gibbs, B Hopewell and K Nealon
Attendance:

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brooks and Sam Smith. Councillor Sandra Barnes attended as substitute.

48 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 APRIL 2022.

RESOLVED:

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

49 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

50 PROPOSED TAXI LICENSING FEES FOR 2022/2023

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Environment, Communities and Leisure, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, notifying members of the objections received regarding the proposed fees for taxi driver, operators and vehicle licences for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and to seek approval of the modified fees detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

RESOLVED to:

Approve the modified fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report to come into effect from 1 June 2022.

51 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

52 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.

53 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE - GAN

Consideration was given to a report of the 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 GAN.

GAN attended the meeting and he addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To refuse GAN's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

54 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE - MRIM

The Committee was informed that MRIM's representative had requested that they deal with the matter based on written representations in the absence of himself and MRIM, but if they were not content to do this that the matter be adjourned to another date.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application to the next available meeting of the committee. If MRIM and his representative do not attend, the application will be considered in their absence.

55 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE - USA

Consideration was given to a report of the 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 USA.

USA attended the meeting and he addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve USA's application for a one year Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence; and
- 2) Issue a warning to USA to ensure he completes any future forms fully.

The meeting finished at 5.55 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: