

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday 14 June 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 Paul Wilkinson  
                  Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent:            Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

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

**56            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received by Councillor Towsey-Hinton.

**57            TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2022.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**58            DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

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

The Chair informed the committee of an additional item (63) requiring an urgent decision, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence which was to be introduced after the exclusion of the press and public. The matter was considered urgent as it involved a serious incident involving a driver which had been reported to the Council after the agenda for the meeting had been prepared and it was felt that it would not be appropriate to wait for the matter to be considered at the July committee.

**60            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.

**61 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE NO. MJA**

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate 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 MJA.

MJA attended the meeting along with a union representative Mr Azim who addressed the committee on MJA's behalf.

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

**RESOLVED:**

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

**62 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MRIM**

Councillor Martin Smith left the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate 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 MRIM.

MRIM attended the meeting along with his legal representative Mr Wilson and addressed the Committee on MRIM's behalf.

The meeting adjourned at 18:55.

The meeting resumed at 19:05.

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

**RESOLVED:**

To defer the decision until completion of the outstanding investigation into MRIM has been concluded.

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**CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE MPSR**

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting as a matter considered urgent by the Chair, regarding a change of circumstances following information received about the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence.

MPSR attended the meeting and he addressed the Committee.

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 MPSR with immediate effect.

The meeting finished at 8.00 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: