

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 31 October 2023

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present: Councillor Marje Paling Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Martin Smith
 Councillor Julie Najuk Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
 Councillor Sue Pickering Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott and Councillor Des Gibbons

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

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

None.

38 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2023.

RESOLVED:

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

39 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

40 APPLICATION FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT AT EAGLE SQUARE ARNOLD

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Environment, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, concerning an application made by Gedling Borough Council for a Street Trading Consent for the Arnold Market to trade in a consent street in Arnold. The report also sought approval for the consent to be for a period until the end of December 2024 which is a departure from the Council's Street Trading Policy.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the application made by Gedling Borough Council for a Street Trading Consent for the Arnold Market to trade in a consent street in Arnold as shown attached to the report; and

- 2) Approve a departure from the Council's Street Trading Policy and that the consent be until the end of December 2024.

41 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

42 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 reports involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

43 APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - FM

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

FM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee found that there were exceptional mitigating circumstances surrounding the offences which allowed for departure from the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines.

RESOLVED to:

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

44 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IK

Consideration was given to a report of 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.

IK attended the meeting along with his solicitor and they both addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To suspend IK's Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for 14 days and to issue a warning to IK that such conduct fell short of the expected standard and advised that he consider his actions more carefully should such instances occur in future.

IK was given 21 days to surrender his licence and was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 6.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: