

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 8 July 2025

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present: Councillor Marje Paling Councillor Sue Pickering
 Councillor Rachael Ellis Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Martin Smith
 Councillor Paul Hughes Councillor Paul Wilkinson
 Councillor Julie Najuk

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott and Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton

Officers in L Chaplin, B Cox, B Hopewell, A Hutchinson and K Nealon
Attendance:

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Towsey-Hinton.
Councillor Hughes attended as substitute.

**9 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE
MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025.**

RESOLVED:

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

10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

11 BOROUGH WIDE SMOKE CONTROL AREA DECLARATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Place, which had
been circulated in advance of the meeting, advising Members of the
outcome of consultation regarding the revocation of all existing post
1980 smoke control orders. The report also sought to update members
on the confirmation from the Secretary of State regarding the revocation
of all existing pre 1980 smoke control orders and for the post 1980
revocation order and the borough wide smoke control area orders to be
made.

RESOLVED:

- 1) Agree to make an Order (Appendix II) revoking all existing post 1980 smoke control orders to come into operation on the 1 February 2026.
- 2) Agree to make an Order (Appendix III) creating a Boroughwide Smoke Control Order to come into operation on the 1 February 2026.
- 3) Note the confirmation from the Secretary of State regarding the revocation of the pre 1980 smoke control orders with the order (Appendix I) to come into operation on the 1 February 2026.

12 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

13 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.

14 APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AA

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

AA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

15 APPLICATION FOR A THREE-YEAR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MA

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

MA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

The meeting finished at 6.15 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: