

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 11 June 2013

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Mike Hope
Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Ged Clarke	Councillor John Parr
Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Tony Gillam	Councillor Henry Wheeler

Apologies for absence: Councillor Meredith Lawrence

Officers in Attendance: D Blasdale, A Callingham and P Gibbs

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lawrence.

2 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2013

RESOLVED:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

4 AMENDMENTS TO TAXI LICENSING FEES

The Committee considered a report presented by the Council's Service Manager, Public Protection.

RESOLVED:

To approve the increase for the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle and Private Hire Operator fees as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

5 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

6 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.

7 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - ZUR

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from ZUR.

ZUR attended the meeting accompanied by a friend and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve ZUR's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

8 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - IY

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from IY.

IY attended the meeting accompanied by a friend and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse IY's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's

Licence on the basis that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions and failure to disclose the same.

IY was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

Councillor Clarke and Councillor Hope left the meeting.

9 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MUM

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MUM.

MUM attended the meeting accompanied by his Licensing Consultant and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse MUM's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the basis that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence having regard to information disclosed by the Chief Police Officer..

MUM was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

10 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - ZM

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from ZM.

ZM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from ZM for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the basis that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous convictions

ZM was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

11 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MU

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MU.

MU attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse the application from MU for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the basis that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his previous conviction.

MU was advised of his right of appeal against the decision of the Committee.

12 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MA

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin regarding the change of circumstances of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by MA.

MA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee has applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it has heard, the Committee is satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances exist which would warrant departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To revoke MA's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the basis that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence because of his recent convictions.

Having considered the interests of public safety, the Committee resolved that the revocation of the Licence would not have immediate effect. MA was given 21 days to surrender his badge.

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

13 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - TEA

TEA was unable to wait for his application to be heard due to a prior engagement.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from TEA to a future meeting of the Committee.

14 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SP

Apologies had been received from SP that he would not be able to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Driver's Licence from SP to a future meeting of the committee.

The meeting finished at Time Not Specified

Signed by Chair:
Date: