

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 21 April 2026

Councillor Alison Hunt (Chair)

Present:	Councillor Marje Paling	Councillor Catherine Pope
	Councillor Jim Creamer	Councillor Alex Scroggie
	Councillor Andrew Meads	Councillor Martin Smith
	Councillor Julie Najuk	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
	Councillor Sue Pickering	Councillor Paul Wilkinson

Absent: Councillor Rachael Ellis

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

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rachael Ellis, Councillor Pope attended as substitute.

21 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2026

RESOLVED:

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

22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

23 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

24 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.

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APPLICATION FOR A ONE YEAR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE JS

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 one year joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for JS.

JS attended the meeting along with their solicitor and they both addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED to:

Refuse JS's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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

The meeting finished at 5.03 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: