

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 25 November 2014

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Meredith Lawrence Councillor Gary Gregory
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Cheryl Hewlett
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Mike Hope
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Barbara Miller

Absent: Councillor Nicki Brooks, Councillor Tony Gillam,
 Councillor John Parr and Councillor Stephen Poole

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs and D Blasdale

132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barnes, Brooks, Gillam and Poole.

Councillor Prew-Smith attended as substitute for Councillor Parr, who had given apologies.

133 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2014

RESOLVED:

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

134 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

135 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

136 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.

137 REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM DISPLAYING FIXED PLATES - AZ

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, outlining a request from Mr Zaheer to consider granting exemption from displaying fixed plates on vehicles licensed by him as he only undertakes executive private hire.

RESOLVED that:

1. With respect to Mr Zaheer – the requirement to display vehicle licence plates is waived; and
2. The Council issue a notice which will be permanently displayed at all times, in a position to be agreed, inside any licensed vehicles used for executive private hire purposes, owned or operated by Mr Zaheer.

138 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SAU

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

SAA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

In making its decision, the Committee applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines and took into consideration the circumstances of the event. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

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

139 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - NB

NB did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence from NB to a future meeting of the Committee. If NB does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

140 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KJ

KJ did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence from KJ to a future meeting of the Committee. If KJ does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

141 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 applied the Council's approved Policy and Guidelines. On the basis of what it heard, the Committee was satisfied on balance that no exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To refuse ZM's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

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

142 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - WP

WP did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence from WP to a future meeting of the Committee. If WP does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

143 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MMS

MMS did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from MMS to a future meeting of the Committee. If MMS does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

144 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - BSS

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

BSS attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To refuse BSS's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

BSS was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

145 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - WL

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

WL attended the meeting, accompanied by his partner, and addressed the Committee.

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

Councillor Lawrence asked that the minute record that he voted against the motion to refuse WL's application.

RESOLVED:

To refuse WL's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

WL was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 12.05 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: