

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 10 February 2015

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Mike Hope
 Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor John Parr
 Councillor Roxanne Ellis Councillor Carol Pepper
 Councillor Tony Gillam Councillor Stephen Poole
 Councillor Cheryl Hewlett

Absent: Councillor Meredith Lawrence, Councillor Bruce
 Andrews, Councillor Gary Gregory and Councillor
 Barbara Miller

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs and L Sugden

174 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lawrence, Gregory and Miller.

Councillor Prew-Smith attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Andrews, who had given his apologies.

175 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

176 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

177 NOTICES SERVED

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

178 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

179 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.

180 APPEAL AGAINST REVOCATION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - SA

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

181 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JH

JH did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To treat the application from JH as withdrawn as a result of a failure to attend Committee on two occasions.

182 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MJCN

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

MJCN 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 MJCN's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire

Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person.

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

183 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - RT

Councillor Ellis entered the meeting.

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

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

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

184 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - TFH

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

TFH 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve TFH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, with a warning as to the necessary consequences of failure to comply with the conditions of his license.

185 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SGW

Councillor Hope left the meeting.

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

SGW 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve SGW's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, with a warning as to the necessary consequences of failure to declare any convictions or pending prosecutions to the Licensing Department.

186 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - ZIA

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

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

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

187 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - BA

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

BA 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve BA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, with a warning as to the necessary consequences of failure to declare any convictions or pending prosecutions to the Licensing Department.

188 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SAK

SAK did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To treat the application from SAK as withdrawn as a result of a failure to attend Committee on two occasions.

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: