MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 7 April 2015

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present:	Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Cheryl Hewlett
	Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Mike Hope
	Councillor Nicki Brooks	Councillor Barbara Miller
	Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor John Parr
	Councillor Tony Gillam	Councillor Carol Pepper
	Councillor Gary Gregory	Councillor Stephen Poole

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, R Pentlow, K Nealon and F Whyley

201 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

No apologies for absence were received.

202 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

203 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

204 NOTICES SERVED

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

205 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

206 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.

207 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AN

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

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

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

Councillor Andrews left the meeting.

208 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - TI

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

TI attended the meeting, with a friend who addressed the Committee on his behalf.

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 Hewlett left the meeting during consideration of the item and abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED:

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

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

Councillors Ellis, Parr, Pepper and Poole left the meeting.

209 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - FF

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

FF attended the meeting, with his solicitor who addressed the Committee on his behalf.

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 FF's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

210 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MHH

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

MHH 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 MHH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Councillor Ellis entered the meeting.

211 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - PK

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

PK 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 PK's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Signed by Chair: Date: