

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 10 November 2015

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Present: Councillor Nicki Brooks Councillor John Parr
 Councillor Bruce Andrews Councillor Carol Pepper
 Councillor Sandra Barnes Councillor Alex Scroggie
 Councillor Gary Gregory Councillor Jane Walker
 Councillor Barbara Miller

Absent: Councillor Roxanne Ellis

Officers in Attendance: L Mellors, K Nealon, S Steventon and F Whyley

280 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roxanne Ellis.

281 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2015.

RESOLVED:

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

282 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

283 NOTICES SERVED

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

284 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

285 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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COMPLAINT AGAINST OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE NO. 934

Consideration was given to a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a complaint from Community Enforcement Officer regarding an incident on 8th August 2015 of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence No. 934.

The Community Enforcement Officer and SK attended the meeting and both 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 revoke SK's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence without immediate effect, on the grounds that he is no longer considered a fit and proper person and to give SK 21 days to surrender his licence.

SK was advised of his right to appeal against the decision of the Committee

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CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE AM

Consideration was given to a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a change of circumstance of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from AM.

AM 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 suspend the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence held by AM for a period of 56 days, without immediate effect.

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

**288 CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/
PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER BH**

Consideration was given to a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding a change of circumstance of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from BH.

BH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

The item was withdrawn from the agenda as BH does not currently hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

**289 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE
HIRES DRIVERS LICENCE NH**

Consideration was given to a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from NH.

NH 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve NH's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year.

The meeting finished at 7.30 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: