

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 8 March 2016

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent: Councillor Carol Pepper

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, L Parnell, S Steventon and F Whyley

325 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pepper, who was substituted by Councillor Poole.

326 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2016

RESOLVED:

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

327 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

328 CHANGES TO THE DELEGATION SCHEME FOLLOWING THE MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval to amend all current delegations, policies and procedures within the remit of Environment and Licensing Committee following a management restructure.

RESOLVED that:

1. All current delegations, policies and procedures within the remit of Environment and Licensing Committee are amended

as set out in the report to reflect the new management arrangements; and

2. The Monitoring Officer be authorised to make any necessary amendments to reflect the new management arrangements.

329 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.

330 APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL TO GRANT A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

331 COMPLAINT AGAINST HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - KA

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding a complaint against Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver KA.

Following printing of the agenda, a letter was received from KA in relation to the complaint and this was circulated to Members at the meeting.

The complainant and KA, along with a representative from his employing company, attended the meeting and addressed the committee.

A character reference was provided to the Chair by the company representative, which the Chair duly read to Members.

RESOLVED:

That KA remains a fit and proper person and that no further action be taken in relation to the complaint.

332 APPLICATION TO RENEW JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - OAM

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application to renew a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from OAM.

OAM 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 OAM's application to renew a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

Councillor Poole left the meeting.

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APPLICATION TO RENEW JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JMS

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application to renew a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from JMS.

JMS 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 JMS's application to renew a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

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

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from DI.

DI attended the meeting, along with his solicitor, 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 refuse DI's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

Councillors Collis and Parr left the meeting.

**335 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE
HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SKS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, regarding an application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence from SKS.

SKS attended the meeting, with his brother, 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 SKS's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence on the grounds that he is not considered to be a fit and proper person.

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

**336 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE
HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - KN**

KN did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 8.00 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: