

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 6 August 2013

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

Councillor Meredith Lawrence	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Bruce Andrews	Councillor Mike Hope
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Barbara Miller
Councillor Ged Clarke	Councillor John Parr
Councillor Roxanne Ellis	Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Tony Gillam	Councillor Henry Wheeler

Apologies for absence: Councillor Nicki Brooks

Officers in Attendance: P Gibbs, L Sugden and K Nealon

29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brooks.

30 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2013

RESOLVED:

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

31 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

32 NOTICES SERVED

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

33 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.

34 REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM DISPLAYING FIXED PLATES

RESOLVED that:

- a) With respect to EB, the requirement to display vehicle licence plates is waived; and that
- b) 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 chauffeuring purposes, owned or operated by EB.

35 COMPLAINT RELATING TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS JGS

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin.

JGS attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That JGS's license should be revoked with immediate effect as he is not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold a license due to the number and nature of complaints made against him.

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

36 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - NM

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

NM attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve NM's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License.

37 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - TH

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

TH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

38 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - ZUH

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

ZUH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve ZUH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

39 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MSA

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

MSA attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve MSA's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License.

40 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - BH

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

BH attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

To approve BH's application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's License with a warning as to the necessary consequences of any further convictions or appearances before Committee.

41 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - AH

AH did not attend the meeting, but sent apologies.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private

Hire Driver's Licence from AH to a future meeting of the Committee. If he does not attend the next appointment then his application will be treated as withdrawn

42 APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - JS

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

JS attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

43 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at Time Not Specified

Signed by Chair:
Date: