MINUTES ENVIRONMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday 10 May 2016

Councillor Marje Paling (Chair)

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

Absent:

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

346 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

None.

347 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 APRIL 2016.

RESOLVED:

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

348 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

349 AMENDMENT TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE/ PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE SPECIFICATION INSPECTION AND TESTING MANUAL.

Consideration was given to the report by the Service Manager, Public Protection, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, to seek approval of the amendment to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Specification, Inspection and Testing Manual.

RESOLVED:

1. To approve the amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Specification, Inspection and Testing Manual.

 That all vehicles presented at the test station in pursuit of either a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage vehicle licence, on or after 1st April 2016, will be considered and tested in line with Gedling Borough Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Specification, Inspection and Testing Manual.

350 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

351 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.

352 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - WA

WA did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

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 If WA does not attend his next appointment, his application will be treated as withdrawn.

353 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/ PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KW

KW did not attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To treat the application from KW as withdrawn as a result of a failure to attend Committee on two occasions.

354 APPLICATION FOR JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - KAQ

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 KAQ. KAQ attended the meeting, along with his father, 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To approve KAQ's application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of 1 year, and issued a warning as to the importance of completing the application form personally.

355 CHANGE OF CONDITIONS JOINT HACKENY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRES DRIVERS LICENCE - FI

The Committee considered a report from Corporate Director, David Wakelin for a change in conditions of Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence for FI.

FI attend the meeting, along with his wife, 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 exceptional circumstances existed which warranted departure from this policy.

RESOLVED:

To defer consideration of FI's change of conditions to a future meeting of the Committee pending the result of FI's appeal against the conviction.

FI was warned by the Committee of the need to inform them of the outcome of the appeal.

The meeting finished at 6.30 pm

Signed by Chair: Date: