

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION  
COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

Present – Councillors Mrs Fairclough (Chairman), Dean (Vice-Chairman), Flitcroft, Haworth, Mistry (as deputy for Councillor Khurram), Morris and Newall.

Councillor Mrs Fairclough, Chairman

**22. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Resolved – That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**23. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE (TRAFFIC MATTERS)**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Traffic Matters) held on 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

**24. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB - COMMITTEE (SENSITIVE CASES)**

Resolved – That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Sensitive Cases) held on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

**25. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved – That, under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 (financial and business affairs) of Part 1 of

Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

**26. APPLICATION TO EXTEND A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE. LER/01/21**

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of an application which had been received to renew a hackney carriage vehicle licence in March, 2021.

The applicant attended the meeting and provided verbal evidence.

It was moved by Councillor Dean and Seconded by Councillor Mistry that the element of the policy regarding the maximum 15 year age policy be not applied to the next application to renew the licence, finding that there are exceptional circumstances.

For the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Haworth, Mistry, Morris, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Newall and Flitcroft.

Against the Motion, Viz –

Nil

Abstain, Viz –

Nil.

Whereupon the motion was declared carried.

**27. MISCONDUCT BY LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LER/02/21**

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of alleged misconduct in relation to a driver licensed to drive private hire vehicles.

The driver attended the meeting but explained that he had been unable to access the papers for the meeting, which had been emailed to him.

It was moved by Councillor Dean and Seconded by Councillor Mistry that consideration of the matter be deferred to enable the driver to adequately consider the paperwork and prepare his case .

For the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Haworth, Mistry, Morris, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Newall and Flitcroft.

Against the Motion, Viz –

Nil

Abstain, Viz –

Nil.

Whereupon the motion was declared carried.

**28. MISCONDUCT BY LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER  
LER/02/21**

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of alleged misconduct in relation to a driver licensed to drive private hire vehicles.

The driver and his Solicitor attended the meeting. The Solicitor explained that the driver had no knowledge of the offence listed as number two in the table. The Committee accepted this position and agreed to proceed on that basis.

It was moved by Councillor Mistry and Seconded by Councillor Newall that no action be taken regarding the licence to drive private hire vehicles but a warning letter be issued to the driver and kept on file regarding the need to act appropriately at all

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times in accordance with the Council's Statement of Fitness and Suitability for drivers.

For the Motion, Viz –

Councillors Haworth, Mistry, Morris, Dean, Mrs. Fairclough, Newall and Flitcroft.

Against the Motion, Viz –

Nil

Abstain, Viz –

Nil.

Whereupon the motion was declared carried.

The meeting started at 2.00pm and finished at 3.21 pm)