

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 8.01 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: N Hennessy (Chairman)
T Devine (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: I Eccles
J Gordon
J Howard
S Lawton
Marsh-Pritchard

T Aldridge
N Furey
P Hesketh
K Jukes
K Lloyd
Mrs M Westley

Officers: Kay Lovelady, Head of Legal & Democratic Services
Paul Charlson, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services
Lyndsey Key, Environmental Health Manager
Michaela Murray, Senior Licensing Officer
Andrew Smith, Legal Assistant
Chloe McNally, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor S Patel.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

4 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor P Hesketh declared a personal interest in respect of License Application No. WK/000281085 in relation to an Application for a Private Hire Driver License as the applicant was known to him personally, and he therefore took no part in the decision-making process.

6 MINUTES OF SUB - COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

There were no minutes to receive.

7 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 3 October 2023, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8 **LICENSING FEES & CHARGES 2024/2025**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources as contained on pages 43-52 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval on proposed changes in Licensing Fees and Charges for 2024/2025.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the proposed changes in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing fees and charges contained in Table 1 in this report are approved.
 - B. That delegated authority is granted to the Corporate Director to give notice under Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 of the Council's intention to vary the fees and charges for vehicle, driver, and operator licences.
 - C. That the proposed fees and charges contained in Table 2 in this report are approved.

9 **APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY 2022**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources as contained on pages 53-230 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval on the amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022 versions 2.

RESOLVED: That, having regard to the matters contained in the report, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022 version 2, attached at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved for use with effect from **6th December 2023**.

10 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 2 (Identity of an individual) and Paragraph 7 (Criminal Matters) part 1 of Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

11 **APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000281085**

Members were asked to consider an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence,

reference number WK/000281085, having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the application form and any other relevant information.

RESOLVED: That the Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence, reference number WK/000281085 be REFUSED.

(Note: The Officers from Place & Community Services left the meeting whilst Members considered their decision)

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Chairman