

Start: 7.30 pm

Finish: 8.25 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: T Devine (Chairman)

Councillors:	N Delaney	C Evans
	J Kay	D McKay
	J Mee	R Melling
	M Mills	G Owen
	A Owens	K Wright

Officers: Paul Charlson, Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager
Samantha Jordan, Senior Licensing Officer
Kay Lovelady, Principal Solicitor
Julia Brown, Member Services/Civic Support Officer

23 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

24 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to Membership of the Committee.

25 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

26 **DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

27 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Devine declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 11 – Application for Private Hire Driver Licence WK/000232352 as the Applicant was known to him.

Councillor Devine also declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 12 – Application for Private Hire Driver Licence WK/000231487 as the Applicant was a personal friend to him.

Councillor Kay declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item 13 – Application for Private Hire Driver Licence WK/000230807 as he had previously prosecuted the Applicant.

28 MINUTES OF SUB - COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

There were no Minutes to receive.

29 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30 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.

31 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000229705

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000229705 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

The Applicant attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Committee during which he was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court if he was aggrieved by the decision.

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000229705 be GRANTED.

(The Officers from the Leisure and Wellbeing Services left the meeting as Members considered their decision in this case).

32 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000229122

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000229122 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

In discussion, Members raised the issue of the delay in obtaining Applicants DVLA Reports.

The Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager explained to Members that the DVLA postal mandate no longer provides driver licence history, as only live endorsements are shown. Officers had also experienced significant delays in the return of some mandate information from the DVLA. Members agreed to amend the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Statement of Licensing Policy to allow use of the DVLA online mandate service, which would provide a more efficient service for applicants without reducing the adequacy of the Council's driver licence application procedure.

- RESOLVED: A. That Application Number WK/000229122 be deferred a further cycle in order to allow receipt of the DVLA Report.
- B. That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Statement of Licensing Policy be amended to allow Applicants use of the DVLA Mandate Service.

33 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE- WK/000232352

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000232352 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000232352 be deferred one cycle in order to allow receipt of the DVLA reports.

(Note: Councillor Devine declared a pecuniary interest in this item as the Applicant was known to him. The item was deferred and therefore he did not leave the Chamber for this item).

34 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000231487

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000231487 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

The Applicant attended the meeting with a representative and was interviewed by the Committee during which he was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court if he was aggrieved by the decision.

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000231487 be GRANTED.

(Note 1: Councillor Devine declared a pecuniary interest in relation to this item as the Applicant was personally known to him, and therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item and did not return to the meeting following this item).

(Note 2: Councillor Owen declared an interest in relation to this item as the Applicants Representative was known to her and therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item).

(Note 3: Councillor Delaney took the Chair for this item).

(Note 4: The Officers from the Leisure and Wellbeing Services left the meeting as Members considered their decision in this case).

35 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000230807

Members were asked to consider an Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000230807 having regard to the content of the Statutory Declaration that accompanied the Application Form and any other relevant information.

The Applicant attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Committee during which he was advised of his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court if he was aggrieved by the decision.

RESOLVED: That Private Hire Driver Licence Number WK/000230807 be GRANTED.

(Note 1: Councillor Kay declared a pecuniary interest in this item as he had previously prosecuted the Applicant, and therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item and did not return to the meeting).

(Note 2: Councillor Delaney took the Chair for this item).

(Note 3: The Officers from the Leisure and Wellbeing Services left the meeting as Members considered their decision in this case).

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Chairman