

# Environment and Safety Committee Agenda

Wednesday, 15 October 2014 at 6.00 pm

Committee Room 3 - Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

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	To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business listed below because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt' information as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 referred to in the relevant report.	
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### ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Present: Councillors Roberts (Chair), Rogers (Vice-Chair), Charlesworth, Street and Sinden (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Dowling)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dowling.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2014**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors made no declarations of interest at this meeting.

4. **NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS**

None.

5. **ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)**

None.

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** - that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the item of business listed below because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt' information as defined in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

<b><u>Minute No.</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Matter</u></b>	<b><u>Paragraph No.</u></b>
7(E)	Applicant for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence	Paragraph 4

7. **APPLICANT FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

The Corporate Director, Environmental Services, submitted a report regarding an application for a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence.

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The purpose of the report was to determine if the applicant was a “Fit and Proper” person to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The driver was in attendance, together with his potential employer and both made a submission.

Councillor Street proposed a motion to grant the application, which was seconded by Councillor Rogers.

**RESOLVED** (unanimously) that the driver is a “Fit and Proper person” to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence.

**Reasons for this decision:** The applicant's prospective employer spoke highly of him. He had know him for 10 years and said he was honest and trustworthy. The offence happened 5 years ago. The penalty the applicant received was not significant. The Committee believe that the driver does not pose a threat to the public. However, the Committee want the driver to be aware that any further incidents that would necessitate the applicant being brought before them again would be taken very seriously.

**The Committee have made this decision in compliance with its policy.**

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.22 pm)

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## APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENSES

### Procedure for hearing applications at Environment and Safety Committee

1. Chair will introduce the item, explain roles of Members and Officers and explain Procedure. Chair will ensure that Applicant has received the report and is ready to proceed. Microphones will be in use for the duration of the meeting.
2. Licensing Officer to present report. Questions only:
  - a) Applicant to ask Licensing Officer on clarification of report or if he requires additional information
  - b) Members to ask questions of the Licensing Officer
3. Applicant/Representative may make submissions on the application:
  - a) Licensing Officer to ask questions of the Applicant/Representative
  - b) Members make ask questions of the Applicant/Representative
4. Applicant/Representative may call any witnesses in support of their case:
  - a) Officers may ask questions of the witnesses only
  - b) Members may ask questions of the witnesses only
  - c) Applicant may ask questions of the witnesses only
5. Members may seek clarification on the report from Officers (if required)
6. Officer summing up (if required)
7. Applicant summing up.
8. All persons, except Members of the Board, Committee Administrator and Legal Representative withdraw from the room.
9. Members may discuss the application, propose and second a recommendation and vote on this. In the event of an equal number of votes for and against the recommendation, the Chair will use their casting vote.
10. Decision is notified to the Applicant, in writing, within seven days of the meeting.

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