

Environment and Safety Committee Agenda

Thursday, 8 January 2015 at 6.00 pm

Town Hall, Queen's Square, Priory Meadow, Hastings, TN34 1QR.

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Present: Councillors Roberts (Chair), Rogers (Vice-Chair), Charlesworth, Dowling and Street

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2014

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made no declarations of interest at this meeting.

20. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

21. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

22. 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

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

23. 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 Driver's Licence.

The purpose of the report was to determine if the applicant was a "Fit and Proper" person to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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The driver was in attendance and made his submission.

With the agreement of the Chair, the applicant circulated further information for Members to consider. The Committee were given the opportunity to read the information.

Councillor Street proposed a motion to approve the application, which was seconded by Councillor Dowling.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the applicant is a "Fit and Proper Person" to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and therefore issue a licence.

Reasons for this decision:

The Committee consider that the applicant is not a threat to the public. The incident that had occurred 4 years ago was family orientated. The applicant had paid a price for his actions and taken a remedial course.

However the Committee want the applicant to be aware that any further incidents of this nature that would necessitate the applicant being brought before them again would be taken very seriously.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.27 pm)

Agenda Annex

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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