

# Environment and Safety Committee Agenda

Wednesday, 11 March 2015 at 6.30 pm

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

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# Agenda Item 2

## ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

31. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

32. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2015**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

33. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors made no declarations of interest at this meeting.

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

None.

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

None.

36. **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>
37(E)	Applicant for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence	Paragraph 4
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37. **APPLICANT FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE**

The Corporate Director, Environmental Services, submitted a report regarding an application for a Hackney Carriage / Private 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 Driver’s Licence.

The driver was in attendance and made a submission

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

**RESOLVED** – by (4 votes to 1) that the driver is a “Fit and Proper Person” to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence.

**Reason for this decision:** The Committee have not been provided with any evidence to show that the applicant is not a fit and proper person. The applicant had realised that the incident that had taken place in the past was wrong and he apologised for it. There did not appear to be concerns on the safety of the public. The Committee have had regard to the relevant policy.

### 38. **APPLICANT FOR 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 Driver’s Licence.

The driver was in attendance and made a submission.

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

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

**Reason for this decision:** The incident occurred when the applicant was younger. He was remorseful as to what had happened. The applicant had a full time job to go to. There were no public safety concerns. The Committee have had regard to the relevant policy.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.32 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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