

Environment and Safety Committee Agenda

Tuesday, 24 November 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 Webb (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Sinden)

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Sinden.

9. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 9 JUNE 2015

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made no declarations of interest at this meeting.

11. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

12. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

13. 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>
14(E)	Applicant for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence	Paragraph 4
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14. 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 and made a submission.

With the agreement of the Chair and the applicant, the Licensing Manager circulated confidential supplementary information supplied by the Chief Officer of Police, for Members to consider under Appendix A of the report. The applicant also circulated three character references to the panel. The Committee were given the opportunity to read the information.

Councillor Rogers proposed a motion to refuse the application, which was seconded by Councillor Charlesworth.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the driver is not a “Fit and Proper person” to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence.

Reasons for this decision: The safety and welfare of the public is of paramount importance. The Committee believed that the applicant did not act professionally when he was in a position of trust and responsibility. The applicant did not seem to show any remorse for his conduct which on occasions seemed less than professional.

15. **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 Drivers Licence.

The driver was in attendance and made a submission.

Councillor Rogers proposed a motion to refuse the application, which was seconded by Councillor Charlesworth.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the driver is not a “Fit and Proper person” to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence.

Reasons for this decision: The Committee believed that the application was premature and that the applicant was not ready to take on the responsibilities of being a taxi driver.

The Committee have considered the safety and welfare of the public.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.59 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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