

Environment and Safety Committee Agenda

Thursday, 4 February 2016 at 6.00 pm

'Learn Direct Room', 1st Floor, Aquila House, Breeds Place, Hastings, TN34 3UY

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ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

24 NOVEMBER 2015

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

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

17. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 JULY 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made no declarations of interest at this meeting.

19. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

20. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

21. 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>
22(E)	Applicant for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence	Paragraph 4

22E. 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.

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.

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

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 incident happened over 5 years ago. The driver showed genuine remorse. He had not had any other driving convictions either prior to or after that one incident. He had been offered a job and in the Committee’s opinion did not pose a threat to the public. The Committee have had regard to their own policy.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.13 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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By virtue of paragraph(s) 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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