

ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2018

Present: Councillors Roberts (Chair), Bishop; O’Callaghan (the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Cox), and Marlow-Eastwood

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Cox.

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

73. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

74. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

75. 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>
70(E)	Application for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence	Paragraph 4

76. 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.

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The driver; his mother and his proposed employer were in attendance and each made a submission

Councillor O'Callaghan proposed a motion to refuse the application, which was seconded by Councillor Roberts.

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

Reason: The Committee having heard all the evidence before it are not minded to depart from their policy on this occasion. They are not convinced that the applicant has understood the importance of public safety. Driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is not acceptable. Believing that you are feeling well enough to do so is naïve. Any driver must know that they are not affected by alcohol/drugs before thinking about driving. The Committee are not willing to risk public safety. It is paramount.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.34 pm)