

ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

19 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillors Bishop (Chair), Roberts, Levane and Marlow-Eastwood

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Cox.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

79. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

80. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

81. 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>
76(E)	'Fit & Proper' test for Licensed Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver	Paragraph 4

82. 'FIT & PROPER' TEST FOR LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER WITH EXCESS PENALTY POINTS

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 continue to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence as a result of getting 12 penalty points on his current licence.

With the agreement of the Chair the Licensing Manager circulated a memorandum of an entry entered in the register of the Sussex (Eastern) Magistrates Court for the Committee to consider and written confirmation from Hove Trial Centre of the Conditional Discharge.

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

Councillor Levane proposed a motion to grant the application, which was seconded by Councillor Roberts.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that the applicant is a 'Fit and Proper' person to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

Reason: Whilst the Committee believed that the driver has not taken his responsibilities as a taxi driver seriously in that he had not read the handbook given to him and not undertaken training that the taxi operator provides, they do not believe that he is a danger to the public.

He should avail himself of the training as soon as possible and ensure that he is suitably aware of his responsibilities as a driver.

The Committee want the driver to be aware that they would take matters very seriously should he appear before them again.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 6.48 pm)