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ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

12 APRIL 2017

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

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Absence was noted for Councillor Cooke and Webb.

27. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

29. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

30. UPDATE ON NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE APPLICATIONS

The Corporate Director, Environmental Services, submitted a report to inform members of the current situation with new Hackney Carriage applications following the decision in 2016 to delimit numbers.

The Licensing Officer advised the restricted numbers of hackney licences had stood at 48 until February 2016 when full Council chose to remove the limit on numbers. Any new Hackney Carriage applications will be subject to conditions. These conditions were accepted by the Environment & Safety Committee in October 2016. The conditions were appended under Appendix A of the report. The report noted the existing carriage plate owners HC 001 and HC 048 will retain grandfather rights going forward.

RESOLVED (unanimously) that members note the report.

31. 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

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<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
32(E)	'Fit and Proper' test for Licenced Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence	Paragraph 4

32. 'FIT AND PROPER' TEST FOR LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER

The Corporate Director, Environmental Services, submitted a report regarding an application for a 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.

With the agreement of the Chair and the applicant, the Licensing Manager circulated a DBS certificate supplied by the Chief Officer of Police, for Members to consider as part of the report.

The driver was in attendance together with his father and both made a submission in his defence.

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

RESOLVED by (2 votes to 1 against) that the applicant is a 'Fit and Proper' person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

Reasons: The Committee believe the applicant has matured enough to hold a licence. He has had 7 years free of criminal conviction. The Committee believe that the applicant is not a threat to public safety.

The Committee want the applicant to know that they would take matters very seriously should you appear before them again.

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