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ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2020

Present: Councillors Bishop (Chair), Cox (Vice-Chair), Bacon, Marlow-Eastwood and Roberts

132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

134. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2020 be approved as a true record.

135. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS

None.

136. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Councillor Bishop proposed a motion to exclude the public seconded by Councillor Roberts.

RESOLVED- That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items 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.

**137. NEW APPLICATION FOR DRIVER LICENCE WITH CONVICTIONS.,
25/03/2020 ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Assistant Director Environment and Place submitted a report to consider if the driver is a "fit and proper" person to continue holding a Hastings Borough Council Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire driver's licence as a result of having a specific type of conviction from a court'

In line with Hastings Borough Council's disciplinary code, this meeting of the Environment and Safety Committee has been called to determine if the applicant is a

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'Fit and Proper' person to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Manager gave an overview of the application and his subsequent discussions with the applicant.

The applicant made a submission to the committee regarding the application. Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

The Environment and Safety Committee for and on behalf of Hastings Borough Council has considered your application for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and has decided that the Driver is not a 'Fit and Proper' person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

Reasons for the decision

The applicant did not convince the Committee that there was any justification from departing from the Council's policy.

138. APPLICANT FOR DRIVER LICENCE WITH CONVICTIONS

The Assistant Director Environment and Place submitted a report to consider if the driver is a "fit and proper" person to continue holding a Hastings Borough Council Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire driver's licence as a result of having a specific type of conviction from a court.

In line with Hastings Borough Council's disciplinary code, this meeting of the Environment and Safety Committee has been called to determine if the applicant is a 'Fit and Proper' person to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence

The Licensing Manager gave an overview of the application and his subsequent discussions with the applicant.

The applicant made a submission to the committee regarding the application. Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

The Environment and Safety Committee for and on behalf of Hastings Borough Council has considered your application for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence and has decided that the Driver is a 'Fit and Proper' person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

Reasons for the decision

The applicant has 'grown up' (in his own words) and changed his life style. He has been without conviction for a period of over three years in compliance with the Council's policy.

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139. APPLICATION FOR A NEW HBC HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE WITH CONVICTIONS.

The Assistant Director Environment and Place submitted a report to consider if the driver is a “fit and proper” person to continue holding a Hastings Borough Council Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire driver’s licence as a result of specific type of conviction from a court.

In line with Hastings Borough Council’s disciplinary code, this meeting of the Environment and Safety Committee has been called to determine if the applicant is a ‘Fit and Proper’ person to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence

The Licensing Manager gave an overview of the application and his subsequent discussions with the applicant.

The applicant made a submission to the committee regarding the application. Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

The Environment and Safety Committee for and on behalf of Hastings Borough Council has considered your application for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence and has decided that the Driver is a ‘Fit and Proper’ person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver’s Licence.

The reason for the decision

The Committee were impressed with the applicant’s honesty. He had experienced emotional trauma in his life that had caused him difficulties in managing his work and his home life.

He has now moved on from that time. He showed remorse for his previous actions.

The Committee would not want to see a repeat of any of his previous behaviour.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 7.12 pm)

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