

Hackney Carriage Committee
9 April 2019

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the HACKNEY CARRIAGE COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

PRESENT: Councillors H.Bower (Chairman)
P.Hebden (Vice-Chairman)

M.Cook (substituting for L.Chesterman), T.Lyons
(substituting for A.Chesterman), P.Mabbott, R.Trigg

OFFICIALS Senior Litigation Officer (M.McCabe)
PRESENT: Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan)
Regulatory Support Officer (C.Bridges)
Parking and Cemetery Services Manager (V.Hatfield)
Governance Services Officer (H.Johnson)

ALSO
PRESENT: Mr. R (for Item 6) (Driver)
Mr. R (for Item 6) (Family Member)
Mr. H (for Item 8) (Driver)
Mr. P (for Item 8) (Civil Enforcement Officer)
Ms.G (for Item 8) (Civil Enforcement Manager)

18. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

The following substitution of Committee members had been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 19-22:

Councillor M.Cook for Councillor L.Chesterman and Councillor T.Lyons for Councillor A.Chesterman.

19. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L.Chesterman, Councillor A.Chesterman and Councillor H.Quenet.

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

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That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Agenda items 6, 7 and 8 (Minutes 21, 23, and 24 refer) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100 (A)(3) and Paragraphs 1 (personal information), 2 (individual identity) and 3 (private financial or business information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it was considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

22. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Hackney Carriage Officer presented the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the determination of an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The driver was in attendance for the hearing and was accompanied by a family member.

Following consideration of the evidence presented, both written and oral, the Committee

RESOLVED:

That the driver be granted a private hire driver's licence.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in exempt Minute 22).

23. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The case was adjourned until further notice as the driver did not attend the hearing. The Committee was of the view that the driver ought to have the opportunity to put his case forward directly to the Committee.

24. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Hackney Carriage Officer presented the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the determination of a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The driver was in attendance for the hearing.

Following consideration of the evidence presented, both written and oral, the Committee

RESOLVED:

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That the Committee take no action.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in exempt Minute 24).

Meeting ended at 3.45 pm