



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHYMNEY ROOM, PENALLTA HOUSE,
TREDOMEN, YSTRAD MYNACH ON THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 2017 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT

Councillors:

K. Etheridge, Ms J. Gale and W. Williams

Together with:

J. Lloyd (Senior Licensing Administrator), S. Mock (Solicitor), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The Legal Advisor advised the Sub Committee that due to the unavailability of both the Chair and Vice-Chair for this meeting, they needed to elect a Member to preside as acting Chair. The Sub Committee unanimously voted to elect Councillor Walter Williams to preside as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

4. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES

The Taxi and General Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that:-

1. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present, and following inspection of the vehicle (registration XXXX), the application of XXXX of XXXX, Bargoed, for a hackney carriage licence to carry 8 passengers, be granted. The Sub Committee were of the view that there was adequate knee space within the vehicle and reasonable access to all the seating areas, and also concluded that there was suitable visibility into the vehicle as to ensure the safety of any passengers and the driver.

2. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present, and following inspection of the vehicle (registration XXX), the application of XXXX of XXX, Caerphilly, for a hackney carriage licence to carry 8 passengers, be granted. The Sub Committee departed from the Licensing Policy in respect of window tinting requirements due to exceptional circumstances relating to this application (the use of the vehicle to transport vulnerable service users) and were of the view that there was suitable visibility into the vehicle as to ensure the safety of any passengers and the driver.
3. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present (and following inspection of the vehicle), the licensed seating capacity of existing hackney carriage licence no. XXX (registration XXXX), held by XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, Cardiff, be increased to carry 6 passengers. The Sub Committee were of the view that there was adequate knee space within the vehicle and reasonable access to all the seating areas.
4. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present, and following inspection of the vehicle (registration XXXX), the application of XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, Caerphilly, for a hackney carriage licence to carry 6 passengers, be granted. The Sub Committee were of the view that there was adequate knee space within the vehicle and reasonable access to all the seating areas, and also concluded that there was suitable visibility into the vehicle as to ensure the safety of any passengers and the driver.
5. For the reasons outlined at the meeting, the application of XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, to increase the licensed seating capacity of private hire vehicle licence no. XXX (from 4 to 6 passengers) be deemed as withdrawn.

5. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS LICENCES

The Taxi and General Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that:-

1. The application of XXXX of XXX, Aberbargoed, for a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence, be deemed as withdrawn, as the applicant had failed to attend three consecutive Sub Committee meetings and had not responded to any correspondence or telephone calls from the Licensing Department in relation to this matter.
2. For the reasons outlined at the meeting, the application of XXXX of XXXX, Bargoed, for a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence, be deferred to the next meeting of the Sub Committee (2nd November 2017).

The meeting closed at 11.36 p.m.

CHAIR