



## TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHYMNEY ROOM, PENALLTA HOUSE,  
TREDOMEN, YSTRAD MYNACH ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 2017 AT 10.00 AM

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PRESENT

Councillor J. Simmonds – Chair

Councillors:

J. Bevan and R. Whiting

Also Present : Councillor J. Ridgewell (part of meeting)

Together with:

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

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 3. 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), the licensed seating capacity of existing hackney carriage licence no. XXX, registration no. XXXX, held by XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, Hengoed, 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.
2. 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 no. XXX, held by XXX of XXX, XXXX, New Tredegar, 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. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES**

The Taxi and General Sub Committee, by a majority decision of 2 to 1, RESOLVED that 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, Trinant, for a private hire vehicle licence to carry 8 passengers, be refused.

The Sub Committee were of the view that the vehicle does not comply with the Council's conditions of application for a private hire vehicle licence in relation to tinting. Having also considered an accompanying exemption request from the applicant in respect of window tinting, the Sub Committee held that XXXX failed to make a convincing case for his request or give any reasons why he should be granted an exemption to the Council's policy. The applicant was advised of his appeal rights to the local magistrates court within 21 days from written notification of the decision.

#### **5. 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, 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 the applicant made a sufficient case to allow an exemption to the current threshold in relation to window tinting.
2. 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.
3. For the reasons outlined at the meeting and to the driver when present (and following inspection of the vehicle), the application of XXXX of XXXX, XXXX, Hengoed, to exempt a private hire vehicle (registration no. XXXX) from the Council's vehicle age restrictions and requirement to display a licence plate, be granted. The Sub Committee were of the view that the nature of the applicant's business is such that there is justification for not displaying the plate and for exceeding the age of vehicle restriction upon first application, although the plate must be carried in the vehicle at all times and produced upon request.

The meeting closed at 12.50 p.m.

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CHAIR