



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON
MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 2.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Simmonds - Chair

Councillors:

W. David, Ms J. Gale

Together with:

A. Dicks (Assistant Licensing Manager), J. Lloyd (Senior Licensing Administrator), T. Rawson (Solicitor), R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer)

Together with:

Licensed Operator (Mr X)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the beginning or during the course of the meeting.

3. EXEMPT MATTER

Members considered the public interest test certificate from the Proper Officer and concluded that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and it was

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as identified in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4. LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE /PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

Members were informed that information had been received which suggested that a licensed driver and operator may no longer be considered fit and proper to hold a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence or private hire vehicle operator's licence, and therefore the matter had been referred to the Taxi and General Sub Committee for determination.

It was explained that the Licensing Authority have been made aware of a recent conviction recorded against licensed driver and operator Mr X in relation to an offence. In light of this information, the Licensing Authority are required under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to consider and determine whether the individual remains a fit and proper person to hold a licence. It was noted that Mr X had surrendered his hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence prior to the meeting, and hence it was only the matter of his private hire vehicle operator's licence that required determination by the Sub Committee.

Members considered the report of the Assistant Licensing Manager in relation to the recent conviction of Mr X. The Sub Committee were also referred to the Council's Fitness Criteria for Drivers and Operators, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, which sets out the fitness criteria for drivers and operators and the relevance of criminal or unsatisfactory behaviour, and the Private Hire Vehicle Operator's Licence Conditions. The Sub Committee also carefully listened to Mr X's explanation of the circumstances surrounding the offence.

Having regard to the Officer's report and all the representations made, the Sub Committee unanimously RESOLVED that Mr X's private hire vehicle operator's licence be revoked. Members were of the view that Mr X was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence, having regard to the conviction recorded against him during the period of licence. The Sub Committee were of the view that the nature of the offence contravened the fitness criteria required of a private hire vehicle operator.

The Legal Advisor to the Sub Committee informed all parties present that any person aggrieved by the decision had 21 days following receipt of the written Decision Notice to appeal to the local Magistrates Court.

The Chair thanked all parties for their attendance and the meeting closed at 3.18 p.m.