



TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON
THURSDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2019 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT

Councillor D.W.R. Preece – Chair

Councillors:

D. Cushing, J. Ridgewell

Together with:

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

Together with:

Licensed Driver (Mr H)

DS C. Evans and DC A. Webley (Gwent Police)

1 INTRODUCTIONS

Owing to the delayed arrival of some parties, the Chair opened the meeting at 10.30am and introductions were made.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 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.

5 LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

Members were informed that information had been received which suggested that a licensed driver (Mr H) may no longer be considered fit and proper to hold a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence. In light of this information, the Licensing Authority are required under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to consider whether the individual remains a fit and proper person to hold such a licence, and therefore the matter had been referred to the Taxi and General Sub Committee for determination.

The Sub Committee considered the report of the Assistant Licensing Manager and Members were referred to the conditions of licence within the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Policy. Representations were also received from Gwent Police, and the Sub Committee carefully listened to the explanations given by Mr H in response to these and in response to the information received by the Council's Licensing department.

Having regard to the Officer's report and all the representations made, and for the reasons disclosed at the meeting, the Sub Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that the hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's licence held by Mr H be revoked on the grounds that the individual is no longer a fit and proper person to hold such a licence. The Sub Committee were of the view that the revocation should be brought into immediate effect on the basis of the sufficient threat to public safety.

The Legal Advisor informed Mr H that if he was aggrieved by the decision, then he 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 1.00 p.m.