

# TAXI AND GENERAL SUB COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF THE MULTI-LOCATIONAL MEETING HELD IN PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 2023 AT 10.00 AM

### PRESENT

Councillor M.A. Adams - Vice - Chair Presiding

Councillors:

T. Heron and J.G. Jones

Together with:

L. Morgan (Licensing Manager), S. Lewis-Williams (Senior Licensing Officer), D. Rees (Licensing Officer), T. Rawson (Solicitor), J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer).

#### RECORDING AND FILMING ARRANGEMENTS.

It was noted during the proceedings that the meeting was being live streamed, and a recording would be made available to view via the Council's website, except for discussions involving confidential or exempt items. <u>Click Here To View</u>

#### 1 APOLOGISES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were made from Mr J (Agenda Item 4) and Mr R (Agenda Item 5).

#### 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 2 public interest tests 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 & VEHICLE PROPRIETOR LICENCE.

The Sub Committee were informed that Mr J was unable to attend the Sub Committee meeting due to personal issues, however had sent an email requesting that the item be deferred until a date in May 2023. The meeting stood adjourned for the consideration of the request.

The meeting was reconvened, and the Sub Committee confirmed that having considered the request to defer and taken into account the content of the report from the Licensing Manager, were of the view that the information contained therein was serious and posed an immediate risk to public safety, and as such required prompt determination by the Sub-Committee. Therefore, the request was rejected.

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 J be revoked with immediate effect and revoke with immediate effect the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor Licence held by Mr J.

The Licensing Manager will inform the driver of their right of appeal within 21 days following receipt of the written decision notice to appeal to the local Magistrates Court.

#### 5 LICENSING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

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 application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence be refused.

The Licensing Manager will inform the driver of their right of appeal within 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 12:24p.m.