

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Multi-Location Meeting - Council Chamber, Port Talbot & Microsoft Teams)

Members Present:

20 January 2025

Chairperson: Councillor A.J.Richards

Vice Chairperson: Councillor J.Henton

Councillors: S.Paddison, A.Dacey, S.Renkes, L.Williams, A.R.Aubrey and G.Rice

Officers in Attendance: N.Chapple, G.White, M.Greenish and N.Jones

1. **Chairpersons Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28 October 2024, be approved as a true and accurate record.

4. **Urgent Items**

There were none.

5. **Access to Meetings**

RESOLVED: That pursuant to Section 100BA (2) and (7) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt

information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the above Act.

6. **Application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence - Case 1**

Members were asked to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence.

The applicant attended the meeting.

Resolved:

That after reviewing the private circulated report, hearing all the parties' representations and having due regard to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy, the Committee agreed that the application be **GRANTED**. Members agreed to act outside the Policy and consider the application without a certificate of good conduct. The reasons being that the Applicant has provided information about their conduct and actions whilst out of the UK and had made reasonable efforts to obtain a certificate of good conduct.

7. **Application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence - Case 2**

Members were asked to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence.

The Applicant attended the meeting.

Resolved:

That after reviewing the private circulated report, hearing all the parties' representations and having due regard to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy, the Committee agreed that the application be **GRANTED**. Members were of the view the applicant was a fit and proper person. They also agreed to act outside the Policy and consider the application without a certificate of good conduct. The reasons being that the Applicant has provided information about their conduct and actions whilst out of the UK and had made reasonable efforts to obtain a certificate of good conduct.

8. **Application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence - Case 3**

Councillor A.J. Richards left the meeting after the decision on Item 7. Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence – Case 2. Following his withdrawal, Councillor Henton took the Chair.

The Legal Regulatory Service Manager provided the Committee with an overview to the private circulated report.

The applicant was in attendance and addressed the Committee.

Decision:

That after hearing all representations and reviewing the private circulated report, the Committee agreed that the application be **GRANTED**.

9. **Renewal of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence - Case 4**

The Legal Regulatory Service Manager provided the Committee with an overview to the private circulated report.

The driver was in attendance and addressed the Committee.

Decision:

That after hearing all representations and reviewing the private circulated report, Members agreed that the application be granted and his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences be **RENEWED** but also the driver be issued with a warning letter.