

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

7 October 2024

Chairperson: Councillor A.J.Richards

Councillors: A.Dacey, A.Lodwig, S.Renkes, L.Williams, D.M.Peters, A.R.Aubrey, A.R.Lockyer, G.Rice and B.Woolford

Officers in Attendance: N.Chapple, M.Shaw and T.Davies

1. **Chairpersons Announcements**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The following Member made a declaration of interest at the start of the meeting:

Councillor A.Lodwig - Minute No. 6 – Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence, Case 1 – as the Applicants representative was known to him. Cllr Lodwig felt this interest to be prejudicial, so left the meeting for the discussion and voting on this item.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 19 August 2024, be approved as a true and accurate record.

4. **Urgent Items**

No urgent items were received.

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**

(At this point in the meeting, Councillor Lodwig reaffirmed his interest in this item, and withdrew from the meeting for the discussion and voting thereon.)

The Licensing Manager provided the Committee with an overview of the private, circulated report.

The driver was in attendance and addressed the Committee, along with a representative.

Decision:

That after reviewing the private circulated report, and hearing all the parties representations, and having due regard to the Councils Tax Licensing Policy, the Application be **REFUSED**, as the Committee did not deem the applicant to be a fit and proper person, and there were no exceptional circumstances to depart from the Council's Tax Licensing Policy on this occasion to grant the application.

7. **Application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence - Case 2**

(Councillor Lodwig returned to the meeting.)

The Licensing Manager provided the Committee with an overview of the private, circulated report.

The driver was in attendance and addressed the Committee.

Decision:

That after reviewing the private circulated report, and hearing all the parties representations, and having due regard to the Councils Tax Licensing Policy, the Application be **REFUSED**, as the Committee did not deem the applicant to be a fit and proper person, and there were no exceptional circumstances to depart from the Council's Tax Licensing Policy on this occasion to grant the application.

That after hearing all representations and reviewing the private circulated report, the Application be **REFUSED**, as the Committee did not deem the applicant to be a fit and proper person, and it was felt there was no exceptional reasons to depart from the Council's Tax Licensing Policy Guidelines on this occasion.