

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Port Talbot Civic Centre - Committee Room 1/2)

Members Present:

15 June 2015

Chairman: Councillor H.G.Rawlings

Vice Chairman: Councillor H.M.Bebell

Councillors: J.R.Bryant, A.Jenkins, Mrs.D.Jones, E.E.Jones, J.Miller, C.Morgan, Ms.C.Morgans, D.M.Peters, J.Warman and D.Whitelock

Officers In Attendance Neil Chapple - Licensing Section
Iwan Davies - Legal Section
Charlotte Davies - Democratic Services

1. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE ROOF SIGNS - ADVERTISING**

Members were asked to consider a request from Mr Tam of Lucha Tech, who wished to supply LED roof signs for Hackney Carriage vehicles which incorporated Advertising.

Mr Tam presented the LED roof signs at the meeting along with his Father.

The Committee then adjourned in order to reach its decision, before all parties returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the request from Mr Tam of Lucha Tech to supply LED roof signs, be refused.

2. **DOG BREEDING CONDITIONS**

Members were informed about new regulations in respect of dog breeding conditions, with a view to carrying out a consultation exercise.

On the 30th April 2015 The Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014 came into force. The Licensing Officer clarified the main changes, as detailed in the circulated report.

RESOLVED: that the Welsh Local Authority Licence Conditions be issued for consultation with interested parties and a further report be presented to members.

3. **DRAFT TAXI LICENSING POLICY**

Members were asked to consider the adoption of an overarching taxi licensing policy with a view to issuing it for consultation purposes.

The Licensing Officer gave Members an overview of the main changes within the consultation.

RESOLVED: that the draft licensing policy be approved for consultation, but representation be restricted to those parts as detailed in paragraph 5.0.

4. **DEREGULATION UPDATE**

Members were informed of the changes to the taxi and private hire licensing function following the introduction of the Deregulation Act 2015.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted

5. **LGA TAXI AND PHV LICENSING - COUNCILLORS' HANDBOOK**

Members were provided with copies of the GA publication 'Taxi and PHV Licensing – Councillors Handbook'.

The Licensing officer advised that the Handbook had been developed to assist members in understanding some of the key issues concerning taxi and PHV Licensing.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted

CHAIRPERSON