

# REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

**Members Present:**

**17 July, 2017**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.Paddison

**Vice Chairman:** Councillor D.Whitelock

**Councillors:** A.P.H.Davies, J.Miller, D.M.Peters, C.Edwards,  
N.J.E.Davies, S.E.Freeguard, N.T.Hunt,  
L.Jones and R.Mizen

**Officers In Attendance** I.Davies, P.Malough and N.Headon

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1. **MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The following Member made a declaration at Minute No.2 below.

Councillor S.Freeguard - Re: Minute Item No.2 (Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Renewal) as the applicant was known to her.

2. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETOR'S LICENCE RENEWAL - MR K. HASSAN**

The Committee was asked to determine an application to renew Hackney Carriage proprietor's licence HV114 where the licence had expired.

Members received the circulated report and noted that the Applicant had failed to renew the Hackney Carriage vehicle licence despite being sent a reminder from the Licensing Section. The application to renew the licence had been made 8 days after the licence expired.

The applicant was present at the meeting to give his representation.

(At this point of the meeting Councillor Freeguard made a Declaration of Interest and left the meeting, having taken no part in the discussion thereon).

**RESOLVED:** that the Hackney Carriage Proprietor's vehicle licence in relation to Mr. K.Hassan, was not capable of being renewed as the Committee did not consider that there were exceptional circumstances that would warrant its renewal.

3. **NEW HACKNEY CARRIAGE PROPRIETORS LICENCE - MR K. HASSAN**

Members received the circulated report and noted that the Applicant had failed to renew the Hackney Carriage vehicle licence HV114 despite being sent a reminder from the Licensing Section. As a consequence of not renewing the vehicle licence the Applicant was required to apply for a new Hackney Carriage vehicle licence for the vehicle which was previously licenced under number HV114. Applications for the grant of a new vehicle licence are normally required to comply with the requirement of the Authority's Taxi Licensing Policy which states that all new Hackney Carriages are required to be wheelchair accessible (Minute No. 2 above refers).

The purpose of the provision is to ensure that a mixed fleet of both wheelchair accessible and non-wheelchair accessible vehicles are available to members of the public.

The applicant was present at the meeting and made representations to the Committee regarding the financial hardship he would experience if his current saloon car was not granted a new licence. Having considered the representations from the Licensing Officer and the application the Committee made their decision.

**RESOLVED:** That the application for a new Hackney Carriage Proprietors Licence be granted.

**CHAIRPERSON**