

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

4 December, 2017

Chairman: Councillor S.Paddison

Vice Chairman: Councillor D.Whitelock

Councillors: A.P.H.Davies, J.Miller, D.M.Peters,
M.Protheroe, N.J.E.Davies, S.E.Freeguard,
N.T.Hunt, C.James and R.Mizen

Officers In Attendance N.Chapple, M.Shaw and N.Headon

1. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING**

The Committee was asked to consider a request from Mr. D.W. Jones of "D.W. Executive Travel", to grant an exemption to display door signs and a rear back plate on a proposed private hire vehicle, namely an E Class Mercedes.

RESOLVED: that an exemption to display door signs and a rear back plate on a proposed private hire vehicle, namely an E Class Mercedes, be approved on the condition that an exemption is granted on the basis of executive functions only and specifically excluding general private hire;

that delegated authority be given to the Head of Legal Services and Licensing Manager to grant a private hire vehicle licence to Mr Jones which will be exempt from displaying door signs and a back plate. Delegated authority will be subject to the following conditions being attached to the licence:

1. The door signs issued by the Council are not required to be displayed on the vehicle when the vehicle is being used for executive work;

2. The back plate issued by the Council shall be secured to the inside of the boot at times when the vehicle is being used for executive work;
3. If the vehicle is used for general private hire i.e. any work other than executive work, the door signs and back plate shall be secured to the locations specified in the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy.

2. **DRAFT STREET TRADING POLICY**

Members were asked to consider adopting the draft Street Trading Policy following the end of the consultation exercise, for implementation on 1 April, 2018.

It was noted that following the end of the consultation exercise, several amendments had been made to the draft policy as a result of representations from the Planning and Environmental Health Department.

RESOLVED: that the Draft Street Trading Policy be adopted, from 1 April, 2018.

3. **URGENT ITEM**

Because of the need to deal with the matter contained in Minute Number 4 below, the Chairperson agreed that this could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason

Due to the time element.

4. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - RENEWAL**

The Committee was asked to consider an application from Mr. Mason for the renewal of his Hackney Carriage Driver Proprietors Licence,

which expired on 3 December, 2017 and was nine hours late being submitted.

RESOLVED: that the application to renew the Hackney Carriage Proprietors Licence, be approved.

5. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) 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 to the above Act.

6. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSING - CASE 1**

RESOLVED: that the private circulated report, in relation to the lifting of a suspension against a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence, be noted.

7. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSING - CASE 2**

RESOLVED: that the private circulated report, in relation to the revocation of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence, be noted.

8. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSING - CASE 3**

RESOLVED: that the private circulated report, in relation to an appeal against the Registration and Licensing Committees' decision to grant a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence, be noted.

CHAIRPERSON