

# REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

**Members Present:**

**12 February 2018**

**Chairperson:** D.Whitelock

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

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

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## 1. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING**

After hearing all submissions, Members were asked to consider a request for an exemption from displaying door signs and rear back plate on private hire vehicle, when used as a business to cater for executive/novelty purposes.

**RESOLVED:** that an exemption to display door signs and rear back plate on private hire vehicle, be approved on the following conditions:

- door signs issued by the Council are not required to be displayed on the vehicle when the vehicle is being used for “driver guiding” as part of the business of “About Wales Guides”;
- 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 “driver guiding” as part of the business of “About Wales Guides”;
- if the vehicle is used for general private hire work i.e. any work other than “driver guiding” as part of the business of “About Wales

Guides”, the door signs and back plate shall be secured to the locations specified in the Council’s Taxi Licensing Policy.

2. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING - REFUND**

Members were asked to consider the request for a refund following the surrender of a hackney carriage proprietor’s licence.

**RESOLVED:** that the refund of £114.24 be granted.

3. **STREET TRADING POLICY - AMENDMENTS**

Members were asked to consider amendments to the Street Trading Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 of the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:** that the amendments to the Street Trading Policy, as shown in the circulated report, be approved.

4. **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.

5. **EQUALITY ACT 2010 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSING - CASE 1**

Members were informed of a decision taken under delegated authority to lift the suspension of a hackney carriage and private hire driver suspension following confirmation that the driver now meets DVLA Group 2, Medical Standards for Fitness to Drive.

Members also were asked to consider an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver medical exemption, to exempt the driver from having to carry out the duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Members noted that the driver had been assessed as meeting the DVLA Group 2 standards, and that in the absence of assessment to the contrary, followed the assessment. They did however ask that the Licensing Officer contact the drivers GP for further information as to making of the driver's assessment.

**RESOLVED:** that the application for a medical exemption be approved, however the Licensing Officer was asked to contact the driver's GP for further information on the driver's fitness to drive.

**CHAIRPERSON**