



## **LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE**

**10.01 AM - MONDAY, 13 JANUARY 2020**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 1/2 - PORT TALBOT CIVIC CENTRE**

### **PART 1**

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on 12 June, 29 July, 25 November and 16 December, 2019 (*Pages 3 - 12*)
3. Urgent Items  
Any urgent items at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**S.Phillips**  
**Chief Executive**

**Civic Centre**  
**Port Talbot**

**Tuesday, 7 January 2020**

### **Committee Membership:**

**Chairperson:**      **Councillor S.Paddison**

**Vice**  
**Chairperson:**      **Councillor D.Whitelock**

**Members:**      Councillors A.P.H.Davies, S.E.Freeguard,  
C.James, J.Miller, R.Mizen, M.Protheroe,  
D.M.Peters, C.Edwards, N.J.E.Davies,  
C.J.Jones, H.Jones, J.Jones and S.M.Penry



## REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

**Members Present:**

**12 June, 2019**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.Paddison

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor D.Whitelock

**Councillors:** A.P.H.Davies, C.Edwards, C.James, J.Jones,  
C.J.Jones, J.Miller, R.Mizen, S.M.Penry,  
D.M.Peters and M.Protheroe

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

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1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May, 2019, be approved.

2. **TAXI LICENSING POLICY (AMENDMENTS)**

Members were ask to consider the proposed amendments to the Taxi Licensing Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:** that the proposed amendments to the Taxi Licensing Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the circulated report, be approved.

3. **PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING - CASE 3**

With the permission of the Chair this item was moved from private into public session.

Members were asked to consider a request from Dial a DAP Taxis, for exemption to display door signs and rear back plate on private hire vehicles.

The Applicant was present at the meeting.

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

1. The door signs issued by the Council are not required to be displayed on the vehicle, when the vehicle is being used in connection with conveying V.I.P, corporate or executive customers, where the customer has expressed a desire for the door signs not to be displayed.
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 in connection with conveying customers as detailed in 1 above. An identifying disc (provided by the Licensing Authority) must be displayed in a visible location behind the front windscreen.
3. If the vehicle is used for private hire work, which is not in connection with conveying customers as detailed in 1 above, then the door signs and back plate shall be secured to the locations specified in the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy.

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

Members were given an update on the suspension of a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

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

Members were asked to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, as detailed in the private circulated report.

The applicant attended the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the application for the grant of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, be granted.

**CHAIRPERSON**

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# REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

**Members Present:**

**29 July 2019**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S. Paddison

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor D. Whitelock

**Councillors:** J. Miller, D. M. Peters, C. Edwards, M. Protheroe,  
C. J. Jones, H. Jones and S. M. Penry

**Officers In Attendance:** N. Chapple, G. White and J. Woodman-Ralph

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1. **TAXI LICENSING POLICY - FITNESS CRITERIA FOR PROSPECTIVE AND EXISTING DRIVERS AND OPERATORS**

Members received an overview of the Taxi Licensing Policy Appendix B (fitness criteria for prospective and existing drivers and operators) new guidance as detailed in the circulated report.

**RESOLVED:** That the 'Guidance in determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney carriage and private hire trades' set out in Appendix 1 be issued for consultation.

2. **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 items 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.

3. **APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE – CASE 1**

Members were asked to consider an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, as detailed in the private circulated report.

The applicant was present at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the application for the grant of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, be granted.

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

Members were provided with information in respect of the suspension of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence and the subsequent lifting of the suspension.

**RESOLVED** That the report be noted.

**CHAIRPERSON**



# REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

**Members Present:**

**25 November 2019**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.Paddison

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor D.Whitelock

**Councillors:** A.P.H.Davies, C.Edwards, C.James, H.Jones,  
C.J.Jones, J.Miller, R.Mizen, S.M.Penry and  
D.M.Peters

**Officers in Attendance:** N.Chapple, G.White and N.Headon

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1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October, 2019 were approved.

2. **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 items 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.

3. **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence - Case 1**

This item was deferred until additional information was available to Members.

4. **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence - Case 2**

Members received information in relation to the revocation of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driving Licence.

Officers clarified that on receipt of a new applicant, the Licensing Section now e-mail the Social Services Department in order to check if the applicant appeared on their Child or Adult Register.

Officers explained to Members that the NR3 Database (National Database of driver refusal and revocations) is in its final stages of set-up and would be available imminently, this would provide officers with details of drivers with any revocations or suspensions.

Members expressed concern regarding police disclosure system in relation to taxi drivers. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to South Wales Police and copied to the Police and Crime Commissioner in order to highlight the importance of sharing information in relation to the disclosure of a driver. The Licensing Officer also stated that the concerns would be raised at the All Wales Licensing Expert Panel, with a proposal that the letter be forwarded from the Panel to all four Police forces in Wales.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

Principal Licensing Officer to forward letter to the South Wales Police (copy to Police and Crime Commissioner) outlining members concerns in relation to disclosure and also raise the concerns at the next All Wales Licensing Expert Panel with a view to a letter being sent to all four Police forces.

**CHAIRPERSON**

# REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

**Members Present:**

**16 December 2019**

**Chairperson:** Councillor S.Paddison

**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor D.Whitelock

**Councillors:** A.P.H.Davies, N.J.E.Davies, C.Edwards,  
C.J.Jones, R.Mizen, S.M.Penry and  
M.Protheroe

**Officers in Attendance:** N.Chapple, G.White and N.Headon

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1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November, 2019 were approved.

2. **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 items 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.

3. **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driving Licence - Case 1**

Members were asked to consider whether an existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a licence, as detailed in the private circulated report.

The applicant attended the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver receive a warning to be issued by the Licensing Manager.

**CHAIRPERSON**