

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

6 August 2018

Chairman: Councillor S.Paddison

Vice Chairman: Councillor D.Whitelock

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

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

1. **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.

2. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CASE 1**

The Committee was asked to consider the undermentioned application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence, where the applicant has incurred convictions.

The Applicant was present at the meeting to disclose the details of the convictions.

RESOLVED: That the application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence, be approved.

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

Members received information about the lifting of a suspension of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence following additional information being received from the driver's doctor.

It was noted that the driver's Hackney Carriage Licence was suspended immediately in the interests of public safety until further medication information had been received.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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

Members were updated on the outcome of an appeal against the decision to revoke a driver's hackney carriage and private hire driver licence.

It was noted that the appeal to Magistrates Court was dismissed but a further appeal to Crown Court has been lodged. Officers agreed to keep Members updated on the outcome.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

RESOLVED: That the Committee resolved to go into Open Session.

5. **EXPLOSIVE REGULATIONS 2014 - DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Members received an overview of the Explosive Regulations 2014 – Delegated Authority Report.

Officers explained that The Explosive Regulations 2014 allows the Local Authority to issue licences for a maximum period of 5 years and have received requests from existing operators for the new licences. As a result officer delegated powers needed updating.

Members asked the following questions:

- Was there any specific storage criteria used when storing explosives?

Officers explained that there are a variety of containers used by operators that comply with the regulations and Officers check the storage facilities as part of their inspection prior to issuing the licence.

- Would the inspections continue on an annual basis if the licence was changing to 5 yearly?

Officers confirmed that the inspections would continue on an annual basis and that Members would receive the data confirming this information contained within the Annual Report to the Registration and Licensing Committee.

An amendment to the recommendations was proposed and supported as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Director of Finance, Head of Legal Services and the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Registration and Licensing Committee be given delegated authority to issue licences under the Explosive Regulations 2014 for up to 5 years, subject to the following:-

1. All new licence applications that are premises based to be notified to local members prior to issuing;
2. That consultation on licence applications be sought in accordance with legal or policy requirements'
3. That there are no objections to the application;
4. That all licences expire on the 30 September.

CHAIRPERSON