

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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

Members Present:

30 September 2019

Chairperson: Councillor S.Paddison

Vice Chairperson: Councillor D.Whitelock

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

Officers In Attendance: N.Chapple, G.White and N.Headon

1. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September, 2019 were approved.

2. **STREET TRADING POLICY - AMENDMENT**

Members were asked to approve the amendment of Paragraph 6 of the Street Trading Policy to include the following:

Trading as part of a travelling fair will not require a street trading consent where the following conditions are met:-

- The event had been considered by the Neath Port Talbot Safety Advisory Group and any recommendations proposed by the group are implemented.
- All relevant permissions had been obtained from the Council and partner agencies, including (but not limited to) the Police, Fire Authority etc.

3. **URGENT ITEMS**

Because of the need to deal now with the matter contained in Minute Numbers 4 and 6 below, the Chairperson agreed that these could be raised at today's meeting as an urgent item pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason

Due to timescale.

4. **LICENSING SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT**

Members were given an update in respect of administration and enforcement of licensing matters for the period 2018-2019, as detailed in the circulated report.

A discussion took place regarding animal licensing and it was highlighted that Neath Port Talbot have supported the introduction of Lucy's Law, which calls for an immediate ban on the sale of puppies by pet shops and other third-party commercial dealers.

Officers informed the committee that the unscheduled inspections of taxis had ceased for a short period of time, due to the unavailability of the Police team that the Licensing Section work closely with, these inspections had now recommenced. It was agreed that the Committee be informed should there be issues with undertaking vehicle inspections in the future.

The Chair thanked Licensing Officers for all their good work.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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 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.

6. **APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - CASE 1**

This item was deferred until the next meeting, due to the applicant not being present.

CHAIRPERSON