

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

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