

# CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

## GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

**At:** Council Chamber, Guildhall, Swansea

**On:** Friday, 10 June 2016

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Chair:** Councillor Penny Matthews

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### Membership:

Councillors: A C S Colburn, D W Cole, A M Cook, J P Curtice, P Downing, V M Evans, P Lloyd, K E Marsh, H M Morris, C L Philpott and T H Rees

## AGENDA

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**Patrick Arran**  
**Head of Legal and Democratic Services**  
**Friday, 3 June 2016**

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## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON FRIDAY,  
13 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

**PRESENT:** Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

A C S Colburn

J P Curtice

K E Marsh

**Councillor(s)**

D W Cole

V M Evans

H M Morris

**Councillor(s)**

A M Cook

P Lloyd

C L Philpott

**Officer(s)**

L Anthony

R Jenkins

L Thomas

S Woon

Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety

Licensing Officer

Senior Lawyer

Democratic Services Officer

128 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A C S Colburn, D W Cole, P Downing, V M Evans and T H Rees.

129 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, the following interest was declared:

Councillor P Lloyd – Personal – Minute no. 132 – Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Application to Licence a Restricted Private Hire Vehicle – Ford Galaxy – Registration Mark WX53 AFO – Mr L Jones – Applicant is known to me. Councillor Lloyd left the meeting prior to consideration of the item.

Councillor P Lloyd – Personal – Minute no. 133 – Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Application to Licence a Restricted Private Hire Vehicle – Ford S Max0 – Registration Mark GX07 BHK – Mr D Jones – Applicant is known to me. Councillor Lloyd left the meeting prior to consideration of the item.

130 **MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 8 April, 2016 be agreed as a correct record.

131 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 -  
APPLICATION TO LICENCE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE -  
VAUXHALL VECTRA, REGISTRATION MARK NA55 BBU - MR M BENJAMIN.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a private hire vehicle had been received from Mr M Benjamin. The vehicle was a Vauxhall Vectra, registration mark NA55 BBU and was capable of carrying four passengers.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the inspections and documents, Department of Transport, Taxi and Private Hire Licensing: Best Practice Guidance: March 2010; and the legislation relating to the licensing of Private Hire Vehicles.

Members asked questions of Mr Benjamin who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr M Benjamin for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of the Vauxhall Vectra, registration mark NA55 BBU **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

132 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 -  
APPLICATION TO LICENCE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - FORD  
GALAXY - REGISTRATION MARK - WX53 AFO - MR L JONES.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a private hire vehicle had been received from Mr L Jones. The vehicle was a Ford Galaxy, registration mark WX53 AFO and was capable of carrying six passengers.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the inspections and documents, Department of Transport, Taxi and Private Hire Licensing: Best Practice Guidance: March 2010; and the legislation relating to the licensing of Private Hire Vehicles.

Members asked questions of Mr L Jones who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr L Jones for a private hire vehicle licence in respect the Ford Galaxy, registration mark WX53 AFO of the **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

133 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 -  
APPLICATION TO LICENCE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - FORD S  
MAX - REGISTRATION MARK GX07 BHK - MR D JONES.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a private hire vehicle had been received from Mr D Jones. The vehicle was a

Ford S Max, registration mark GX07 BHK and was capable of carrying six passengers.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the inspections and documents, Department of Transport, Taxi and Private Hire Licensing: Best Practice Guidance: March 2010; and the legislation relating to the licensing of Private Hire Vehicles.

Members asked questions of Mr L Jones who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr D Jones for a private hire vehicle licence in respect the Ford S Max, registration mark GX07 BHK of the **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

134 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.**

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

**(CLOSED SESSION)**

135 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - DUAL BADGE DRIVER- HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE PROPRIETOR - AA.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety, detailed the background information in respect of AA.

AA outlined the background details and circumstances relating to the conviction and answered Members' questions.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) AA receive a warning letter with a comment that AA must, going forward, act in an appropriate manner in keeping with a taxi driver having regard to the safety of the travelling public. Furthermore, the Committee did not expect to see AA again; and
- b) No action be taken in respect of the vehicle licence.

136 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND  
PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CWJ.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety, detailed the background information in respect of CWJ.

CWJ outlined the background details and circumstances relating to the incident and answered Members' questions.

**RESOLVED** that CWJ receive a warning letter regarding future conduct, specifically highlighting that CWJ's behaviour falls below that expected of a taxi driver licensed by the City and County of Swansea.

137 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY  
CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MDM.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety, detailed the background information in respect of MDM.

MDM outlined the background details and circumstances relating to the incident and answered Members' questions.

**RESOLVED** that MDM's application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence **BE APPROVED.**

The meeting ended at 11.21 am

**CHAIR**

## **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

### **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 6, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**  
V M Evans

**Councillor(s)**  
K E Marsh

**Officer(s)**

Lynda Anthony

Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety

Aled Gruffydd

Lawyer

Kath Thomas

Licensing Officer

Samantha Woon

Democratic Services Officer

6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies for absence were received.

7 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

8 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 -  
APPLICATION TO SUBSTITUTE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE -  
PEUGEOT PARTNER (WX60 ATN) - MR W HARRIS, PW & EK HARRIS TAXI  
HIRE LTD.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety, reported that Mr W Harris had formally requested to be represented by Mr I Challacombe.

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety advised that an application to substitute a restricted private hire vehicle had been received from Mr W Harris, PW & EK Harris Taxi Hire Ltd. The vehicle was a Peugeot Partner, Registration Mark WX60 ATN and was capable of carrying four passengers including one passenger in a wheelchair.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the inspections and documents, Department of Transport, Taxi and Private Hire Licensing: Best Practice Guidance: March 2010; and the legislation relating to the licensing of Private Hire Vehicles.

Members asked questions of the Officer and Mr I Challacombe who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr W Harris, PW & EK Harris Taxi Hire Ltd to substitute the Peugeot Partner, Registration Mark WX60 ATN onto the restricted private hire vehicle licence RV222 **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

9 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - SKODA OCTAVIA (P21 DAR) - MR D RODERICK (OYSTER CABS LTD).**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a private hire vehicle had been received from Mr D Roderick (Oyster Cabs Ltd). The vehicle was a Skoda Octavia, registration mark P21 DAR and was capable of carrying four passengers.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the inspections and documents, Department of Transport, Taxi and Private Hire Licensing; Best Practice Guidance: March 2010; and the legislation relating to the licensing of Private Hire Vehicles.

Members asked questions of the Officer and Mr D Roderick who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr D Roderick for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of the Skoda Octavia, registration mark P21 DAR **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

10 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - APPLICATION TO SUBSTITUTE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - LONDON TAXI TX4 (BD09 KLE) - MR C GUPPY & MR A J JONES - MANSELTON MOT CENTRE LTD.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety advised that an application to substitute a hackney carriage vehicle had been received from Mr C Guppy and Mr A J Jones, Manselton MOT Centre Ltd. The vehicle was a black TX4 London Cab, Registration Mark BD09 KLE and was capable of carrying six passengers including one passenger in a wheelchair.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the background, relevant issues in relation to Hackney Carriage vehicles, Department for Transport - Taxi and Private Hire Licensing; Best Practice Guidance; March 2010.

Members asked questions of the Officer and Mr C Guppy who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr C Guppy and Mr A J Jones, Manselton MOT Centre Ltd to substitute the black TX4 London Cab, Registration Mark BD09



KLE onto the hackney carriage vehicle licence HC 6005 **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

11 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - APPLICATION TO SUBSTITUTE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE - SKODA OCTAVIA (CP10 WAO) - MR C STORTON.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety advised that an application to substitute a hackney carriage vehicle had been received from Mr C Storton. The vehicle was a black Skoda Octavia, Registration Mark CP10 WAO and was capable of carrying four passengers.

The vehicle did not comply with the current licensing criteria set out by the Authority due to its age.

Members noted the background, relevant issues in relation to Hackney Carriage vehicles, Department for Transport - Taxi and Private Hire Licensing; Best Practice Guidance; March 2010.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr C Storton to substitute the black Skoda Octavia, Registration Mark CP10 WAO onto the hackney carriage vehicle licence HC 4054 **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

12 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC.**

The Committee was requested to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the items of business identified in the recommendations to the report on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the exclusion paragraph of 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007, relevant to the item of business as set out in the report.

The Committee considered the Public Interest Test in deciding to exclude the public from the meeting for the items of business where the Public Interest Test was relevant, as set out in the report.

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

**(CLOSED SESSION)**

13 **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - WMP.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety reported that a request for deferment had been received from WMP.

**RESOLVED** that the matter be deferred to the next available Committee.

The meeting ended at 10.23 am

**CHAIR**

# **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2016 AT 5.50 PM**

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Councillor(s)**

A C S Colburn

J P Curtice

P Lloyd

H M Morris

#### **Councillor(s)**

D W Cole

P Downing

K E Marsh

C L Philpott

#### **Councillor(s)**

A M Cook

V M Evans

P M Matthews

T H Rees

1 **SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 "CHAIR OF MEETINGS" IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE PRESIDING MEMBER TO PRESIDE OVER THE UNDER MENTIONED AGENDA ITEMS.**

**RESOLVED** that Procedure Rule 12 be suspended in order to allow the Chair of Council to preside over this meeting.

**(COUNCILLOR D W W THOMAS PRESIDED)**

2 **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016 - 2017.**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor P M Matthews be elected Chair for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year.

**(COUNCILLOR D W W THOMAS PRESIDED)**

3 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016 - 2017.**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor P Downing be elected Vice-Chair for the 2016-2017 Municipal Year.

4 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

No apologies for absence were received.

5 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

The meeting ended at 5.51 pm

**CHAIR**

# Agenda Item 4

## Report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services

### General Licensing Committee – 10 June 2016

#### EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

<b>Purpose:</b>	To consider whether the Public should be excluded from the following items of business.	
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	None.	
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To comply with legislation.	
<b>Consultation:</b>	Legal.	
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:	
<b>1)</b>	The public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it / they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as set out in the Paragraphs listed below of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 subject to the Public Interest Test (where appropriate) being applied.	
	<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A</b>
	5 & 6	12, 13 & 18
<b>Report Author:</b>	Democratic Services	
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Not Applicable	
<b>Legal Officer:</b>	Patrick Arran – Head of Legal & Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)	

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, allows a Principal Council to pass a resolution excluding the public from a meeting during an item of business.
- 1.2 Such a resolution is dependant on whether it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

#### 2. Exclusion of the Public / Public Interest Test

- 2.1 In order to comply with the above mentioned legislation, **Council / Cabinet / Committee** will be requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the item(s) of business identified in the recommendation(s) to the report on the grounds that it / they involve(s) the likely disclosure of

exempt information as set out in the Exclusion Paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

- 2.2 Information which falls within paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended is exempt information if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 2.3 The specific Exclusion Paragraphs and the Public Interest Tests to be applied are listed in **Appendix A**.
- 2.4 Where paragraph 16 of the Schedule 12A applies there is no public interest test. Councillors are able to consider whether they wish to waive their legal privilege in the information, however, given that this may place the Council in a position of risk, it is not something that should be done as a matter of routine.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The legislative provisions are set out in the report.
- 4.2 Councillors must consider with regard to each item of business set out in paragraph 2 of this report the following matters:
  - 4.2.1 Whether in relation to that item of business the information is capable of being exempt information, because it falls into one of the paragraphs set out in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and reproduced in Appendix A to this report.
  - 4.2.2 If the information does fall within one or more of paragraphs 12 to 15, 17 and 18 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the public interest test as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report.
  - 4.2.3 If the information falls within paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in considering whether to exclude the public members are not required to apply the public interest test but must consider whether they wish to waive their privilege in relation to that item for any reason.

**Background Papers:** None

## Public Interest Test

No.	Relevant Paragraphs in Schedule 12A
<b>12</b>	<b>Information relating to a particular individual.</b>
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 12 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that to make this information public would disclose personal data relating to an individual in contravention of the principles of the Data Protection Act. Because of this and since there did not appear to be an overwhelming public interest in requiring the disclosure of personal data he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
<b>13</b>	<b>Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.</b>
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 13 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the individual involved was entitled to privacy and that there was no overriding public interest which required the disclosure of the individual's identity. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
<b>14</b>	<b>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</b>
	<p>The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 14 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that:</p> <p>a) Whilst he was mindful of the need to ensure the transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them in relation to the spending of public money, the right of a third party to the privacy of their financial / business affairs outweighed the need for that information to be made public; or</p> <p>b) Disclosure of the information would give an unfair advantage to tenderers for commercial contracts.</p> <p>This information is not affected by any other statutory provision which requires the information to be publicly registered.</p> <p>On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.</p>
<b>15</b>	<b>Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the</b>

	<b>Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.</b>
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 15 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that whilst he is mindful of the need to ensure that transparency and accountability of public authority for decisions taken by them he was satisfied that in this case disclosure of the information would prejudice the discussion in relation to labour relations to the disadvantage of the authority and inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
<b>16</b>	<b>Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.</b>
	No public interest test.
<b>17</b>	<b>Information which reveals that the authority proposes:</b> <b>(a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or</b> <b>(b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.</b>
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 17 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the authority's statutory powers could be rendered ineffective or less effective were there to be advanced knowledge of its intention/the proper exercise of the Council's statutory power could be prejudiced by the public discussion or speculation on the matter to the detriment of the authority and the inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
<b>18</b>	<b>Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</b>
	The Proper Officer (Monitoring Officer) has determined in preparing this report that paragraph 18 should apply. His view on the public interest test was that the authority's statutory powers could be rendered ineffective or less effective were there to be advanced knowledge of its intention/the proper exercise of the Council's statutory power could be prejudiced by public discussion or speculation on the matter to the detriment of the authority and the inhabitants of its area. On that basis he felt that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members are asked to consider this factor when determining the public interest test, which they must decide when considering excluding the public from this part of the meeting.
<b>18c</b>	The deliberations of a Standards Committee or of a sub committee of a Standards Committee established under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 in reaching any finding of a matter referred to it.

# Agenda Item 5

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 13, 18 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972  
as amended by the Local Government (Access to  
Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

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# Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 13, 18 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972  
as amended by the Local Government (Access to  
Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007.

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