



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **General Licensing Committee**

Council Chamber, Guildhall, Swansea

Friday, 12 October 2018 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
P Downing
H M Morris
L V Walton

Councillor(s)

J P Curtice
S J Gallagher
B J Rowlands

Councillor(s)

N J Davies
P Lloyd
L G Thomas

Officer(s)

Lynda Anthony
Alec Dubens
Richard Jenkins
Lyndsay Thomas
Samantha Woon

Licensing, Food and Safety Manager
Licensing Officer
Licensing Officer
Principal Lawyer
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C L Philpott

33 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.

34 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 10 August, 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

35 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.

Resolved that the public be excluded for the following items of business.

(Closed Session)

36 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Equality Act 2010 - Passengers in Wheelchair - Request for an Exemption Certificate - SPL.

The Licensing, Food & Safety Manager detailed the background in respect of SPL's application for an exemption from duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Members asked questions of Officers who responded accordingly.

SPL explained the circumstances and answered Members questions.

Resolved that SPL's request for an indefinite exemption from carrying wheelchair users in Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire Vehicles be **approved**.

37 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence 1999 - SCM.

The Licensing, Food & Safety Manager detailed the background in respect of SCM's application to renew his Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Members asked questions of Officers who responded accordingly.

SCM, accompanied by Mr W, explained the circumstances, read out character references and answered Members questions.

Resolved that SCM's receive a strong warning letter regarding future conduct.

38 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Application for the grant of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - JPG.

The Licensing, Food & Safety Manager detailed the background in respect of JPG's application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licence.

JPG explained the circumstances and answered Members questions.

The Lawyer advising the Committee read out character references supplied by JPG in support of his application.

Resolved that JPG's application be **Approved**.

39 Immediate Action Update.

The immediate action update was noted.

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[Members' sought clarification regarding the process for the return of taxi badges in the event of a licence being revoked. The Licensing, Food and Safety Manager stated that she would provide an update to the next Committee meeting].

The meeting ended at 11.20 am

Chair