



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **General Licensing Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Friday, 11 March 2022 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
P Downing
H M Morris

Councillor(s)

J P Curtice
S J Gallagher
L V Walton

Councillor(s)

N J Davies
P Lloyd

Officer(s)

Lynda Anthony
Craig Davies
Alec Dubens
Yvonne Lewis
Kath Thomas
Samantha Woon

Licensing, Food and Safety Manager
Associate Lawyer
Licensing Officer
Team Leader, Licensing
Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C L Philpott, B J Rowlands and L G Thomas

47 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.

48 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 11 February, 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

49 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)

50 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - MA.

The Team Leader, Licensing, presented the background information in respect of MA.

MA explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members' questions.

Resolved that:

- 1) MA's application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

51 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence - MAI.

The Licensing, Food & Safety Manager, presented the background information in respect of MAI.

The Democratic Services Officer shared a document submitted by MAI.

The Licensing, Food and Safety Manager referred to a typographical error at section 4.19 of the report.

Members' asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

MAI explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members' questions.

Resolved that:

- 1) MAI's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be revoked.
- 2) No further action be taken in respect of MAI's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

Reason for Decision

For the reasons and in consideration of the guidance above the members felt that the applicant is not a fit and proper person and they feel that he is not safe and suitable to hold licence. Additionally under the guidance the required 7 years since his conviction has not passed.

The Committee were aware that they could depart from the guidance as per paragraph 3.29 but were given no exceptional circumstances or justifiable reasons for doing so.

52 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - SJD.

The Licensing, Food and Safety Manager and Team Leader, Licensing presented the background information in respect of SJD.

SJD accompanied by DR explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members' questions.

Resolved that:

- 1) SJD's application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

53 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - KT.

The Licensing, Food and Safety Manager and Team Leader, Licensing presented the background information in respect of KT.

KT explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members' questions.

Resolved that:

- 1) KT's application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

The meeting ended at 12.23 pm

Chair