



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **General Licensing Committee**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Friday, 8 April 2022 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

C Anderson
S J Gallagher
C L Philpott

Councillor(s)

J P Curtice
P Lloyd
B J Rowlands

Councillor(s)

P Downing
H M Morris
L V Walton

Officer(s)

Craig Davies
Barrie Gilbert
Richard Jenkins
Yvonne Lewis
Samantha Woon

Associate Lawyer
Senior Transport Officer
Operational Lead - Taxis
Team Leader, Licensing
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): L G Thomas

54 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest.

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

Councillor P Lloyd – Minute no. 58 – Appeal against decision to not approve as a Passenger Assistant for Home to School Transport – CL. Councillor Lloyd left the meeting prior to consideration of the item.

55 Minutes.

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

56 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)

57 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 - PRP.

The Operational Lead, Taxis, presented the background information in respect of PRP.

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

Resolved that:

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

Reason for Decision

The Committee were content with PRP's mitigation in respect of the offence and felt it appropriate to grant the licence for one year.

58 Appeal against decision to not approve as a Passenger Assistant for Home to School Transport - CL.

The Passenger Transport Team Leader detailed the background in respect of CL and answered Member questions.

CL, assisted by Mr J, explained the circumstances regarding the offences and answered Members' questions.

Resolved that CL's appeal against the decision not to approve as a Passenger Assistant for Home to School Transport be dismissed.

Reason for Decision

Members were not satisfied that CL was a fit, proper, safe and suitable to be approved as a driver for school transport under sections 3.29, 4.14, 4.16, 4.17, 4.22, 4.28 and 4.31 of the guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney and private hire trades.

The meeting ended at 12.00 pm

Chair