

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

**HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, GUILDHALL ON FRIDAY, 10 APRIL
2015 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)	Councillor(s)
A C S Colburn	P Lloyd	C L Philpott
D W Cole	K E Marsh	A M Cook
P Downing	B G Owen	

132 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H M Morris and T H Rees.

133 **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.

134 **MINUTES:**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 6 March, 2015, be approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor V M Evans.

135 **PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE THE NATIONAL INSPECTION STANDARDS FOR INSPECTION OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN SWANSEA.**

The Chair referred to the report which sought to consider the proposal to introduce the National Inspection Standards for Inspection of taxi and private hire vehicles licensed by the City and County of Swansea subject to consultation with the taxi and private hire trade and other interested parties.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

Members discussed the frequency and timescales of Council tests.

RESOLVED that:

- a. A consultation be undertaken with the taxi and private hire trades and other interested parties on the proposal to introduce the National Inspection Standards for inspection of taxi and private hire vehicles licensed by the City and County of Swansea;

- b. A further report detailing the outcome of the consultation be presented to Members for consideration and decision regarding the way forward; and
- c. Officers to examine the feasibility of increasing the Council testing frequency and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

136 **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)

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

The Divisional Officer Licensing, Food & Safety, detailed the background information in respect of KG.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

KG outlined the background details and circumstances of her request and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED that KG's request for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence be **APPROVED** by Officers subject to confirmation from her GP regarding her ability to operate as a taxi driver.

The meeting ended at 10.25 am

CHAIR