

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.

Minutes of the General Licensing Sub Committee (18.05.2016)
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The meeting ended at 10.23 am

CHAIR