

# CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 3A, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON FRIDAY,  
27 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

**PRESENT:** Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

A C S Colburn

J P Curtice

K E Marsh

**Councillor(s)**

D W Cole

P Downing

H M Morris

**Councillor(s)**

A M Cook

P Lloyd

T H Rees

**Officer(s)**

L Anthony

A Gruffydd

R Jenkins

S Woon

Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food & Safety

Lawyer

Licensing Officer

Democratic Services Officer

6 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V M Evans and C L Philpott.

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 LICENCE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE, AUDI A4  
(HF51 RGX) - MR M BENJAMIN.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a restricted private hire vehicle had been received from Mr M Benjamin. The vehicle was an Audi A4, registration mark HF51 RGX 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 Benjamin who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr M Benjamin for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of the Audi A4, registration mark HF51 RGX **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

9 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - ROVER 45 (VA54 KXT) - MR M BENJAMIN.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a restricted private hire vehicle had been received from Mr M Benjamin. The vehicle was a Rover 45, registration mark VA54 KXT 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 Benjamin who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr M Benjamin for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of the Rover 45, registration mark VA54 KXT **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE - SKODA OCTAVIA (Y721 RRP) - MR M BENJAMIN.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety advised that an application to licence a restricted private hire vehicle had been received from Mr M Benjamin. The vehicle was a Skoda Octavia, registration mark Y721 RRP 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 Benjamin who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the application made by Mr M Benjamin for a private hire vehicle licence in respect of the Skoda Octavia, registration mark Y721 RRP **BE APPROVED** and renewed on merit.

11 **REQUEST FOR AUTHORISATION TO GRANT VEHICLE APPLICATIONS  
OUTSIDE OF CURRENT AGE CRITERIA.**

The Divisional Officer, Licensing, Food and Safety, presented a report which sought approval for Officers of the Licensing Section to be authorised to grant vehicle applications outside of current age criteria.

Members noted the background and current position.

Members asked questions of the Officer who responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) Officers of the Licensing Section be authorised to grant vehicle licences in respect of vehicle applications that do not comply with the Council's current age criteria for licensing vehicles subject to the vehicle meeting all other relevant application/licensing criteria; and
- b) The Chair meet with Cain Swain in order to seek clarification in respect of breakdown procedures when children are being transported to and from school and report back to the Committee.

The meeting ended at 10.18 am

**CHAIR**