



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **General Licensing Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Friday, 6 October 2023 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

N Furlong
S Joy

Councillor(s)

V A Holland
P Lloyd

Councillor(s)

Y V Jardine
M W Locke

Officer(s)

Lynda Anthony
Craig Davies
Alec Dubens
Samantha Woon

Service Manager
Associate Lawyer
Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): J P Curtice, P Downing, C L Philpott, B J Rowlands and L V Walton

24 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interest.

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

Councillor M W Locke declared a Personal Interest in Minute No.28 – Town Police Clauses Act 1847, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Renewal of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence – MI.

25 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 1 September, 2023, be agreed as a correct record.

26 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)

27 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 - KM.

The Service Manager detailed the background in relation to KM.

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

Resolved that:

- 1) KM's request for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reason or Decision

Members were not satisfied that KM was a fit and proper person or safe and suitable person. Furthermore, there was no sufficient evidence to deviate from the Guidance.

28 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Renewal of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - MI.

The Service Manager detailed the background in relation to MI.

Members asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

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

Resolved that:

- 2) MI's request for a Renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reason or Decision

Members were not satisfied that MI was a fit and proper person or safe and suitable person. Furthermore, there was no sufficient evidence to deviate from the Guidance.

The meeting ended at 10.58 am

Chair