



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **General Licensing Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Friday, 4 August 2023 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

J P Curtice
Y V Jardine
M W Locke

Councillor(s)

P Downing
S Joy
B J Rowlands

Councillor(s)

N Furlong
P Lloyd

Officer(s)

Lynda Anthony
Adrian Jeremiah
Kath Thomas
Samantha Woon

Service Manager
Associate Lawyer
Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): V A Holland, C L Philpott and L V Walton

13 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.

14 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 7 July, 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

15 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)

16 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Application for the Grant of a Restricted Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - AJ.

The Service Manager reported that AJ had requested that the matter be deferred and detailed the reasons for the request.

Resolved that:

1) AJ's request for a deferment be granted.

17 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Restricted Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence - MRD.

The Service Manager detailed the background in relation to MRD.

The Lawyer advising the Committee responded to a Member question.

The Lawyer advising the Committee responded to a question from Mr W.

MRD, accompanied by Mr W, explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members' questions.

Following a request from Mr W, the Lawyer advising the Committee read character references in respect of MRD.

Resolved that:

1) MRD be issued a warning regarding future conduct.

18 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 - JLC.

The Service Manager detailed the background in relation to JLC.

She stated that JLC had requested that the matter be dealt with in his absence. Furthermore, she referred to a letter submitted by JLC which he had requested be considered by the Committee.

The Lawyer advising the Committee read the contents of a redacted version of the letter.

Members asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

Resolved that:

- 2) JLC's request that the matter be dealt with in his absence be granted.
- 3) JLC's application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be **refused**.

Reason for Decision

The Committee deemed that JLC was not a fit and proper or safe and suitable person.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am

Chair