



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **General Licensing Committee**

Multi-Location Meeting - Lilian Hopkin Room, Guildhall / MS

Teams

Friday, 4 October 2024 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor P M Matthews (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

J P Curtice
S Joy
C L Philpott

Councillor(s)

N Furlong
R D Lewis

Councillor(s)

Y V Jardine
P Lloyd

Officer(s)

Richard Jenkins
Samantha Jenkins
Adrian Jeremiah
Yvonne Lewis

Operational Lead - Taxis
Democratic Services Officer
Lead Lawyer
Team Leader, Licensing

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): P Downing, V A Holland and L V Walton

18 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.

19 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the General Licensing Committee held on 2 August, 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

20 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)

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

The Operational Lead – Taxis detailed the background in respect of AH.

Members asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

AH explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members questions.

Resolved that AH's application for the Restricted Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reason for decision

The Committee questioned the Applicant's safety and suitability to hold a license. The Applicant gave no exceptional circumstances or justifiable reason for them to depart from the Guidelines.

22 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Equality Act 2010 - Assistance Dogs - Request for an Exemption Certificate - FJ.

The Operational Lead – Taxis detailed the background in respect of FJ.

Members asked questions of the Officers who responded accordingly.

FJ explained the circumstances relating to the matter and answered Members questions.

Resolved that FJ's request for an application for an Exemption Certificate from carrying Assistance Dogs in Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire Vehicles be granted.

The meeting ended at 10.46 am

Chair