

## MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held  
at The Council Chamber, County Hall, Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 16th July,  
2019 at 10.00 am**

**PRESENT:** County Councillor B. Strong (Chairman)  
County Councillor J. Higginson (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: S. Howarth, A. Easson, M. Lane, R. Roden, J. Treharne, R. Edwards, D. Evans, L. Guppy and A. Webb

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Leigh Beach	Licensing Officer
Ben Davies	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

### **APOLOGIES:**

None.

#### **1. Election of Chair**

We elected County Councillor B. Strong as Chair.

#### **2. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

We appointed County Councillor R.J. Higginson as Vice-Chair.

#### **3. Declarations of interest**

None.

#### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

#### **5. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

We resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act, as amended, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

#### **6. To consider whether the driver is "Fit and Proper" to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence**

The Chairman welcomed the driver to the meeting and introduced Members of the Committee and the attending Officers and explained the protocol for the meeting.

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The driver confirmed their name and address to the Committee. The driver confirmed receipt of the report.

The key issues and details were read out to the Committee.

The driver was then given the opportunity to address the Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Following this, Members of the Committee put forward questions to the driver and discussion ensued. The driver was then given the opportunity to sum up.

Following questioning, officers and the driver left the meeting to allow the Committee the opportunity to deliberate and discuss the findings.

Upon re-commencement, the Chair advised that the Committee had considered the issues and had come to the view that the applicant should be granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire drivers licence for the full three years.

#### **7. Next meeting**

Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 10.00am.

**The meeting ended at 10.25 am.**