

Monmouthshire Select Committee Minutes

**Meeting of Taxi and Regulatory Committee held at Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr
USK on Tuesday, 9th December, 2025 at 10.00 am**

Councillors Present

County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chairman)

County Councillors: Tony Easson,
Christopher Edwards, Jane Lucas, Martin Newell,
Sue Riley, Dale Rooke and Jackie Strong

Officers in Attendance

Linda O'Gorman, Principal Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders, Solicitor
Nicola Perry, Senior Democracy Officer
Geraint Edwards, Head of Litigation and Deputy
Monitoring Officer

Also in attendance: a Registered Taxi Driver

APOLOGIES: County Councillors Simon Howarth and Jayne McKenna

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were confirmed as a true record:

1. Taxi and Regulatory Committee: 16th September 2025
2. Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee: 9th September 2025
3. Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee: 22nd September 2025
4. Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee: 10th October 2025
5. Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee: 21st November 2025

4. Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2026

The Principal Licensing Officer introduced the report noting that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the consultation feedback and approve the revised Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy to take effect from 1 January 2026. A Registered Taxi Driver also attended, representing himself to respond to the consultation. Following presentation of the report, Members were invited to ask questions:

https://www.youtube.com/live/3VArF_rp3iU?si=wzi763KWV8YJxq3&t=249

As per the report recommendations, the Taxi and Licensing Committee considered the responses following the consultation and the advice provided in paragraph 3.4 of the report by Licensing.

Upon being put to the vote, Members approved the new policy and conditions to come into force on 1st January 2026.

5. Next Meeting: 27th January 2026

The meeting ended at **11.18 am**