

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held
at The Council Chamber, County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA with remote
attendance on Tuesday, 16th January, 2024 at 10.00 am**

PRESENT: County Councillor Tudor Thomas (Chair)
County Councillor Jayne McKenna (Vice-Chair)

County Councillors: Lisa Dymock, Tony Easson,
Christopher Edwards, Simon Howarth, Jane Lucas, Alistair Neill,
Sue Riley, Dale Rooke, Jackie Strong and Armand Watts

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Jones	Head of Public Protection
Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Paige Moseley	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

None

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee meeting held on 5th September 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Review of Annual Licensing Fees for Financial Year 2024/25

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the Review of Annual Licensing Fees for the Financial Year 2024/25 report.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/h9tz41Ucxfs?si=KVhYtnP-YfyXoDik&t=180>

We resolved:

- (i) to approve the fees set out in Appendix A to the report, entitled "Schedule of Licence Fees for 2024-25", subject, where relevant, to any required public notice;
- (ii) that any objections, duly made, regarding fees for the grant of licences for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles be brought back to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee at the earliest opportunity for due consideration.

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4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

We excluded 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 1972, as amended, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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

We resolved to defer consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence to a future meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, as the applicant had been unable to attend today's meeting due to a family bereavement.

6. Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 10.20 am.