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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held
at The Council Chamber, Rhadyr, Usk, Monmouthshire, NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 16th
October, 2018 at 10.00 am**

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

County Councillors: A. Easson, J. Pratt, R. Roden, J. Treharne,
R. Edwards, D. Evans, L. Guppy and A. Webb

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Leigh Beach	Licensing Officer
Richard Cope	Passenger Transport Unit Manager
John Rogers	Legal Officer
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

PC A. Hollings

APOLOGIES:

County Councillors: M. Lane and F. Taylor

1. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee dated 18th September 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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

4. To consider whether the driver is 'Fit and Proper' to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire drivers licence

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

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

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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's representative was then given the opportunity to sum up, on behalf of the driver.

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

Upon re-commencement, the Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the issues and had come to the view that this was a serious incident and that the driver's licence be suspended for three months and that the driver also re-sits a licensing knowledge test.

5. To consider whether the operator is 'Fit and Proper' to continue to hold a Private Hire Operator licence

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

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

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

The operator 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 operator and discussion ensued. The operator's representative was then given the opportunity to sum up, on behalf of the operator.

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

Upon re-commencement, the Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the issues and had come to the view that this was a serious incident and that the operator's licence be suspended for four months and that the operator also re-sits a licensing knowledge test.

6. Next Meeting

The next Licensing and Regulatory Committee will be held on the 27th November 2018 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 12.04 pm.

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