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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee
Remote Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020 at 10.00 am

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

County Councillors: A. Easson, M.Lane, R.Roden, J.Treharne,
R. Edwards, D. Evans 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:

County Councillor L. Guppy

1. Declarations of Interest

None.

2. Proposal for Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions amendment to include Tuk Tuks and Rickshaw Licensing

We considered a report regarding the proposal to amend the Taxi and Private Hire Policy Conditions 2020 to include the Licensing of Rickshaw vehicles.

In doing so, the following points were noted:

- The policy has been slightly amended so that licenced Rickshaws and Tuk Tuks will be fitted with passenger doors on both sides of the vehicles with at least one of the doors having access and egress.
- Two members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee had trialled the use of a Tuk Tuk around the Abergavenny area. It was considered that for local journeys these type of vehicles would be suitable.
- The wording within the policy outlining the dress code for Tuk Tuk drivers would be reviewed and amended to outline the main body of the policy itself.

We resolved:

- (i) to adopt the amended Taxi and Private Hire Policy Conditions 2020 (amendments in part 4.3, to remove points 32 and 33 in appendix J and amend Appendix M of this policy to include points 66 to 92). This amendment will include the licensing of Tuk Tuks, Electric and Cycle Rickshaws (pedicabs);

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- (ii) that the policy be slightly amended so that licenced Rickshaws and Tuk Tuks will be fitted with passenger doors on both sides of the vehicles with at least one of the doors having access and egress.

3. Gambling Act 2005 - Premises Licence Fees

We received a report regarding the fees for this Authority in relation to Premises Licences under the Gambling Act 2005 retrospectively for 21st May 2020 – 20th May 2021.

We resolved:

- (i) to approve the fees and charges outlined in Appendix A of the report to come into effect retrospectively from 21st May 2020;
- (ii) that the fees be subsequently reviewed annually.

4. Confirmation of Minutes:

4.1. Licensing and Regulatory Committee dated 14th January 2020

We confirmed the minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee dated 14th January 2020.

4.2. Licensing and Regulatory Sub Committee dated 14th January 2020

We confirmed the minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee Sub Committee dated 14th January 2020.

The meeting ended at 10.20 am.