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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee
County Hall, Usk - Remote Attendance on Monday, 2nd August, 2021 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor J.Treharne (Chairman)
County Councillor J. Higginson (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: A. Easson, R. Edwards, D. Evans and B. Strong

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

County Councillors M. Lane and R. Roden

1. Declarations of interest

None received.

2. Exclusion of 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 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.

3. To determine the application to re-instate Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers Licence following the decision to revoke the licence in 2020.

The Chairman welcomed the driver and their 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 and Committee procedure. The driver also confirmed that they were content to proceed without legal representation.

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

The driver and their representative were 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, the Committee, the Committee's legal representative and the Democratic Services Officer left the meeting to deliberate and discuss findings.

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Upon re-commencement, the Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the issues and had come to the view that the driver is deemed fit and proper to hold a licence with the licence re-instated and that the driver will not be required to re-sit the Knowledge Test.

4. Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 10.36 am.