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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 Friday, 4th October, 2024 at 10.00 am

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

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Emma Watkins	Licensing Officer
Julian Sanders	Solicitor
Richard Williams	Democratic Services Officer

APOLOGIES:

County Councillor Sue Riley

County Councillors Jane Lucas and Armand Watts joined the meeting late and were therefore unable to participate in the meeting or voting thereon.

1. Declarations of Interest

None received.

2. 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.

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

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

The applicant confirmed their name and address to the Committee. The applicant confirmed receipt of the report and acknowledged that they would proceed without legal representation.

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

The applicant was then given the opportunity to address the Committee, to put forward any relevant explanations. Following this, Members of the Committee put forward

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questions to the applicant and discussion ensued. The applicant was then given the opportunity to sum up.

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

Upon re-commencement, the Chair advised that the Committee had considered the issues and had resolved that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence.

The meeting ended at 11.44 am.