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MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held
at County Hall, The Rhadyr, Usk, NP15 1GA on Tuesday, 18th October, 2016 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: County Councillor L. Guppy (Chairman)
County Councillor B. Strong (Vice Chairman)

County Councillors: R. Edwards, D. Evans, J. Higginson, J. Prosser,
A. Webb and M. Hickman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda O'Gorman	Principal Licensing Officer
Chris Rann	Senior Licensing Officer
Leigh Beach	Enforcement Officer
Sam Winn	Senior Licensing Officer
Ioan Gealy	Solicitor
Paula Harris	Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from County Councillor Ralph Chapman and F. Taylor.

2. Declarations of interest

None received.

3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting

The following minutes of the Committee were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee Meeting
13th September 2016

Licensing and Regulatory Sub Committee Meeting
4th October 2016

4. To exclude the press and public from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information

5. To consider whether the driver is "Fit and Proper" to continue 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.

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

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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 questions to the applicant and discussion ensued.

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 Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the issues and decided not to suspend the applicant's licence but issued a written warning.

6. To exclude the press and public from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information

7. FOR INFORMATION ONLY - To consider whether the driver is "Fit and Proper" to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence

Members of the Committee unanimously endorsed the actions of the Chair and Vice Chair.

8. To exclude the press and public from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information

9. To consider whether to continue to with, suspend or revoke a Private Hire Operator Licence

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

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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 Chairman advised that the Committee had considered the issues and had unanimously voted to revoke the applicant's private hire operator licence.

The reasons given were;

- Total disregard to conditions of operating a licence conditions
- Total disregard to the safety of members of the public
- Lack of compliance of the rules in light of a previous warning

The applicant may appeal to the Magistrates Court against this decision within 21 days of being notified of the decision.

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The applicant will receive written confirmation of this decision within 5 working days. This will be hand delivered.

10. To note the date and time of the next meeting

29th November 2016 at 10am.

The meeting ended at 11:47am

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