LICENSING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J.M. Charles (Chair) (In Person)

Councillors (In Person):

P. Cooper H. Jones

Councillors (Virtually):

S.A. Curry A. Evans W.T. Evans D. Jones

M.J.A. Lewis D.E. Williams B.A.L. Roberts

Also Present (In Person):

R. Edgecombe, Legal Services Manager

J. Owens, Democratic Services Officer (Minute Taker)

Also Present (Virtually):

J. Power, Senior Licensing Officer

E. Bryer, Democratic Services Officer

R. Morris, Members Support Officer

M. Runeckles, Members Support Officer

Chamber - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP and remotely - 10.00 - 10.43 am

[Note: The Chair, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2(3) reconfigured the order of business on the agenda to enable Agenda Item 5 to be considered later in the meeting. For ease of reference, these minutes reflect the order presented on the published agenda].

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. Phillips. The Chair advised that an apology for absence had also submitted by Councillor K.T. Howell, who was expected to join the meeting late.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of personal interests.

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 9th December, 2022 be signed as a correct record.



4. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

5. MR. CALLUM ANTHONY STUART MEADOWS-WILLIAMS HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee was informed that Mr Callum Anthony Stuart Meadows-Williams of "Fairholme", North Road, Whitland was a licensed hackney carriage/private hire dual driver with this authority.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Committee members of the issues that had arisen in respect of his licence.

The Committee interviewed Mr Meadows-Williams with regard to the issues raised by the Senior Licensing Officer.

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Meadows-Williams be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

The Committee thereupon:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retire into private session in order to receive legal advice pursuant to Paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the adjournment, the Committee reconvened to advise of its decision.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Council's guidelines, Mr Callum Anthony Stuart Meadows-Williams be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

Reason

On the evidence presented the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

6. MR. HYWEL DOUGLAS PRICE THOMAS APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee considered an application from Mr Hywel Douglas Price Thomas of Flat 27 Hafan y Morfa, Lanelli to renew his hackney carriage/private hire dual driver's licence.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Committee members of the issues that had arisen in respect of his license.



The Committee interviewed Mr Thomas' and his representative with regard to the application and the issues raised by the Senior Licensing Officer.

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Thomas' application be granted with a final warning as to his future conduct.

The Committee thereupon

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retire into private session in order to receive legal advice pursuant to Paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the adjournment, the Committee reconvened to advise of its decision.

RESOLVED that the application submitted by Mr Hywel Douglas Price Thomas for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Driver's Licence be granted with a final warning as to his future conduct.

Reason

On the evidence presented the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

7. MR. COREY JAY OSBORNE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee was advised that following submission of the information required as part of the Authority's governance processes, the application had been withdrawn.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the withdrawal be noted.

8. MR. LEE CAINES HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee was informed that Mr Lee Caines of 126 Heol-y-Gors, Cwmgors, Ammanford was a licensed hackney carriage/private hire dual driver with this authority.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Committee members of the issues that had arisen in respect of his licence.

The Senior Licensing Officer recommended that Mr Caines' Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Drivers Licence be revoked.

The Committee thereupon:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to retire into private session in order to receive legal advice pursuant to Paragraph 16 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Following the adjournment, the Committee reconvened to advise of its decision.



UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that, in line with the Officer's
recommendations, Mr Lee Caines' Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dua
Drivers Licence be revoked.

Reason	•

On the facts presented, the Committee could not be satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence. Accordingly, the Committee concluded that there was reasonable cause to revoke the licence.

9. MR. THOMAS RICHARD ROWCLIFFE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE.

The Committee was advised that following publication of the meeting documentation, the applicant had surrendered his hackney carriage/private hire dual driver licence with the Authority. Accordingly, the application had been withdrawn.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the withdrawal be noted.

CHAIR	DATE

