

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT
COUNCIL CHAMBER - NEUADD MALDWYN, WELSHPOOL, POWYS ON
TUESDAY, 1 MAY 2018**

PRESENT

County Councillor L George (Chair)

County Councillors H. Hulme and K Lewis

1.	RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS
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RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paragraphs 12 and 18 of Schedule 12a Part 7 of the above Act in respect of the following item[s].

2.	REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
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2.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Solicitor to the Council explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

2.2. Review of a licence

Licence holder – M.R.E.

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

The Children's Manager for north Powys attended the meeting and explained that the disclosure of inappropriate behavior was made by a vulnerable 16 year old to her case work support officers.

The Licensing Officer explained that MREs licence had been suspended based on allegations concerning the above matter and previous convictions. The Licensing Officer referred to the recommendations in a Safeguarding Report of a Professional Strategy Meeting held on the 13th April 2018. The Sub-Committee also considered written representations from MRE and three references supplied by him.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the review and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
To revoke the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence held by M.R.E.	That he is not a fit and proper person to hold a hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded parties of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

3.	THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO AGREE TO MOVE INTO OPEN SESSION
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The Sub-Committee agreed to move into public session for the remainder of the meeting.

4.	APPLICATION FOR A PLATE EXEMPTION ON PRIVATE HIRE LICENSED VEHICLE
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4.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Solicitor to the Council explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

4.2. Application for a plate exemption

Applicant – Silver Service

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
To grant Silver Service its application for a licence plate exemption (including for a replacement vehicle of a similar or improved standard as the vehicle being replaced).	The applicant has made out a justifiable business case for claiming the exemption and such an exemption would not be detrimental to public safety.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded parties of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

5.	APPLICATION FOR A PLATE EXEMPTION ON PRIVATE HIRE LICENSED VEHICLES
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5.1. Sub-Committee's procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Solicitor to the Council explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

5.2. Application for a plate exemption

Applicant – Mid Wales Limousines

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
To grant Mid Wales Limousines its application for a licence plate exemption.	The applicant has made out a justifiable business case for claiming the exemption and such an exemption would not be detrimental to public safety.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded parties of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

6.	APPLICATION FOR A PLATE EXEMPTION ON PRIVATE HIRE LICENSED VEHICLES
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6.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee on behalf of the Solicitor to the Council explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

6.2. Application for plate exemption

Applicant – Tiny’s Limo

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority’s position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
To grant Tiny’s Limo its application for a licence plate exemption.	The applicant has made out a justifiable business case for claiming the exemption and such an exemption would not be detrimental to public safety.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded parties of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor L George (Chair)