

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT HYBRID MEETING - TEAMS - COUNTY HALL ON THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023**

PRESENT

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)

County Councillors H Hulme and P James

<b>1.</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS</b>
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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].

<b>2.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JD/02/23</b>
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2.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

2.2. Review of a licence - JD/02/23

JD/02/23 Licence Holder – was not in attendance  
Mr R Bowen, Dyfed Powys Police Licensing Officer

The Sub-Committee was advised that JD/02/23 the Licence Holder was not in attendance and was not represented by anyone. The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

Mr Bowen presented Dyfed Powys police's case as to the suitability of JD/02/23 to hold a joint hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence. He responded to questions from the Sub-Committee.

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.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>To revoke the joint hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence held by JD/02/23.</b>	<b>That the licence holder is no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in line with the Council's adopted suitability criteria.</b>

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

<b>3.</b>	<b>APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JD/05/23</b>
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## 3.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

## 3.2. Application for a licence - JD/05/23

**Applicant** – JD/05/23

Mr R Bowen, Dyfed Powys Police Licensing Officer

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. The Licensing Officer advised that the applicant had declared the driving offences on their application form.

Mr R Bowen presented Dyfed Powys police's case as to the suitability of JD/05/23 to continue to hold a joint hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence. The three speeding offences between February 2022 – September 2022 meant that JD/05/23 currently has a total of 9 Penalty points on his licence.

JD/05/23 explained what had happened and his personal circumstances at the time. He advised that no one was in the car when the speeding offences occurred.

All parties confirmed that they had no further questions to raise.

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.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>That the licence held by JD/05/23 be suspended for five years.</b>	<b>That the licence holder is no longer a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in line with the Council's adopted suitability criteria.</b>

The Chair thanked all for attending.

**County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)**