

## **GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE, 08.12.14**

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**Present:** Councillor Tudor Owen (Chair), Councillors Angela Russell and Dilwyn Lloyd

**Others invited:** Councillor Elfed Williams (Local Member)

**Also in attendance:** Geraint Brython Edwards (Solicitor), Gwenan Williams (Licensing Manager), Eirlys Jones (Licensing Officer) and Lowri Haf Evans (Member Support and Scrutiny Officer).

### **1. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received from any members present.

### **2. URGENT ITEMS**

None to note

### **3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs apply because the individuals in question are entitled to privacy and there is no overriding public interest that requires the disclosure of personal information relating to those individuals, nor their identities. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

### **4. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Licensing Manager submitted the written report on the application received from Mr A for a hackney/private hire driver's licence. It was explained that there was a statement of convictions referring to a relevant crime, and therefore the Committee had been requested to consider the application in accordance with the record, and in accordance with the guidance on relevant crimes and convictions. A letter had also been received providing a reference for the applicant, from the Local Member who was also present at the meeting.

The applicant noted that he had been at home for months following an accident and that he was looking forward to starting work and to have a structure to his daily life. He explained that he was an experienced driver and that he was eager to return to this profession. It was also noted that a company, E Cabs, appeared to be willing to employ him as a taxi driver.

The applicant and the Local Member withdrew from the chamber while the Sub-committee members discussed the application.

The Sub-committee took into account the Council's guidelines on convictions that were relevant to the application.

Following detailed consideration, the Sub-committee decided to approve the application.

**RESOLVED** to approve Mr A's application for a hackney/private hire driver's licence.

The Solicitor reported that he would aim to send out a letter notifying the applicant of the Sub-committee's decision.

The meeting commenced at 3:45pm and concluded at 4.45pm