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PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 7th February, 2023.

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Present: Councillor P. Drake (Chair); Councillor J.M. Norman (Vice-Chair); Councillors G. Bruce, V.P. Driscoll, R. Fisher, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, H.C. Hamilton, W.A. Hennessy, N.B. Marshallsea and M.J.G. Morgan.

673 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing.”

674 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors L. Burnett and M.R. Wilkinson.

675 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

676 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

677 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOTH THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS (DEH) –

The Licensing Policy Officer presented the report which sought Members' approval to consult with the taxi and private hire trade within the Vale of Glamorgan Council on proposed amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licence conditions for the promotion of public safety.

A proportion of vehicle licensees / proprietors rent, lease or loan out their vehicle to other licensed drivers, however the current conditions do not require the licensee to keep records of who was driving the vehicle throughout its duration. The Licensing Authority was proposing to further safeguard the public by adding the condition as

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stated in the report to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence conditions.

The Chair understood that the same conditions had already been introduced in Cardiff and Bridgend which was confirmed by the Licensing Policy Officer.

Councillor Morgan asked to clarify if vehicles could only be loaned or hired to regulated taxi drivers. The Licensing Policy Officer confirmed that only a licenced private hire hackney carriage vehicle driver would be able to drive that vehicle and it would be an offence otherwise.

The Chair asked when the consultation would begin. The Licensing Policy Officer confirmed if Members were minded to agree the Recommendation that the consultation would start immediately.

The Chair asked for any questions, comments or matters of clarification from the Committee. No matters were raised.

Having fully considered the report, it was subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T Officers be authorised to carry out a 14 day consultation with the taxi and private hire trade with the Vale of Glamorgan Council on:

i) Amending the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle conditions to include the condition:

In the case of Licensees/Proprietors who rent, lease, hire or loan out their [Hackney Carriage] [Private Hire Vehicle], the Licensee/Proprietor shall provide and keep a suitable register in which he/she shall enter the following particulars relating to the details of the driver to whom the vehicle has been rented, hired, leased or loaned.

- a) The name and address of the driver.
- b) The badge number and expiry date of the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence relating to the driver.
- c) The plate number and registration number of the vehicle rented, hired, leased or loaned.
- d) The date(s) and time(s) the vehicle is rented, hired, leased or loaned by the driver.

The records shall be kept for a minimum of 12 months, be in chronological order and must be produced on request to an authorised officer of the Council or a police constable for inspection.

Reason for decision

To promote public safety by strengthening the current vehicle licence conditions.