

To: Members of the Licensing
Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** to be held at **2.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2016** in **CONFERENCE ROOM 1A, COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G Williams
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 5 - 6)

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

It is recommended in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) of business because it is likely that exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed.

4 REVIEW OF A LICENCE TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES - DRIVER NO. 15/0427/TXJDR (Pages 7 - 118)

To consider a confidential report by the Head of Planning and Public Protection (copy enclosed) seeking members' review of a licence to drive hackney carriage and private hire vehicles in respect of Driver No. 15/0427/TXJDR.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Cefyn Williams (Chair)

Barry Mellor (Vice-Chair)

Joan Butterfield
Bill Cowie
Richard Davies
Stuart Davies
Hugh Irving

Win Mullen-James
Pete Prendergast
Arwel Roberts
Huw Williams

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LICENSING COMMITTEE PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATIONS AND REVIEWS OF EXISTING LICENSED DRIVERS

STEP	DESCRIPTION
1.	The Chair to welcome and introduce the applicant/licence holder to all parties present.
2.	Solicitor to ask the applicant/licence holder to confirm that he/she has received the report and the Committee procedures. If applicant confirms same, move onto step 4.
3.	If it should occur that the applicant/licence holder states that the report has not been received, then such matter will be addressed at this stage. Members may wish to consider adjourning the matter, for a short period, in order for the applicant/licence holder to read the report.
4.	Head of Planning and Public Protection (or representative) briefly introduces the application/review
5.	The applicant/licence holder is requested to present his/her case The applicant/licence holder can call any witnesses he/she chooses in support of the application, for which advance notice should have been given to the Licensing Officers.
6.	Committee Members can question the applicant/licence holder and or his witnesses
7.	Technical officers are invited to present any findings (Licensing/Community Enforcement, First Contact Team (Social Services), School Transport.)
8.	The Committee Members followed by the applicant/licence holder can ask questions of the technical officers
9.	The applicant/licence holder will be invited to make a final statement, if they so wish
10.	The following will be requested to leave the meeting whilst the application/review is discussed by Members – the applicant/licence holder, all third parties, Head of Planning and Public Protection, technical officers NB The only people remaining should be – Committee Members, translator, committee’s legal adviser and the minute taker

11.	The committee members will consider the application/review taking into account the evidence heard
12	Should Committee Members prove it necessary to recommence the asking of questions and recall any party to provide further information or clarification, all persons who have withdrawn from the meeting will be invited to return. After the question(s) have been determined all third parties will be asked to withdraw again for Members to consider all evidence.
13.	When the Members have reached their decision, all parties will be recalled and the applicant/licence holder will be informed of the Members decision by the Chairman.
14.	The Chair will inform the applicant/licence holder of the decision reached. This will include any specific conditions or penalties which may have been imposed. If necessary the Council's Solicitor to provide further clarification of the decision and its implications to the applicant/licence holder.
15.	If the decision is to refuse or there is a decision to suspend or revoke, the Council's Solicitor to inform the applicant/licence holder of the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court (the decision letter will also include these details).
16.	For an existing licensed driver (issued by Denbighshire), and the decision involves a resolution by the Committee to suspend or revoke the existing licence, Members may do so under either: 1. Section 61 (2A) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. 2. Section 61 (2B) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This decision will have IMMEDIATE EFFECT and can only be used when the grounds for suspension/revocation are a public safety matter. The Solicitor will explain to the licence holder the implications of the decision.
17.	The applicant/licence holder will be informed of the decision in writing as soon as practicable.
18.	The applicant/licence holder will be invited to discuss any matter they are unsure of with Licensing Officers after the Committee

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

Code of Conduct for Members

DISCLOSURE AND REGISTRATION OF INTERESTS

I, *(name)*

a *member/co-opted member of
*(*please delete as appropriate)*

Denbighshire County Council

CONFIRM that I have declared a ***personal / personal and prejudicial** interest not previously declared in accordance with the provisions of Part III of the Council's Code of Conduct for Members, in respect of the following:-
*(*please delete as appropriate)*

Date of Disclosure:

Committee *(please specify)*:

Agenda Item No.

Subject Matter:

Nature of Interest:

*(See the note below)**

Signed

Date

*Note: Please provide sufficient detail e.g. 'I am the owner of land adjacent to the application for planning permission made by Mr Jones', or 'My husband / wife is an employee of the company which has made an application for financial assistance'.

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