

**Minutes of the Meeting of LICENSING COMMITTEE – TAXIS AND OTHER MATTERS  
(NON-STATUTORY)**

**held Hybrid - Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron /  
remotely via video conference on Thursday, 21 March 2024**

**PRESENT;** Councillor Paul Hinge (Chair), Councillors Shelly Childs, Amanda Edwards, Endaf Edwards, Eryl Evans, Keith Evans, Wyn Evans, Gwyn James, Ann Bowen Morgan, Caryl Roberts and John Roberts

**Also in attendance:**

**Officers in attendance:** Mrs Carwen Evans – Corporate Manager, Public Protection, Miss Anne-Louise Davies, Trading Standards & Licensing Manager, Mr Gareth Rees – Senior Licensing Officer, Mr Edward Dumbrill. Specialist Environmental Officer, Ms Nia Jones, Corporate Manger - Democratic Services, Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic and Standards Officer

(2:15pm- 3:35pm)

**1 Apologies**

None.

**2 Disclosure of personal / prejudicial interests**

None.

**3 Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 05 October 2023 and consider any matters arising from the Minutes**

It was RESOLVED to confirm as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 21 October 2023.

**Matters arising**

None.

**4 General Update**

Consideration was given to the General Update report on Taxis and other matters (Non-Statutory). The report had been presented in order to advise Members of activity undertaken by the Licensing Section since the last Committee meeting and also advise on current work being undertaken.

- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing
- Delegated decisions
- Licensing Panel Hearings
- Annual Performance
- Internal Audit
- Other matters of interest

- Other Voices, Cardigan 2023
- Music Trail Venues

Following questions from the floor, it was AGREED

(i) to note the report for information; and

(ii) to approve the necessity to amend the licensing policies to implement the recommendations made by Internal Audit.

**5 General Update - anticipated introduction of a mandatory licensing scheme of 'special procedures' in Wales.**

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Dr Sarah Jones, Senior Environmental Health Advisor, Welsh Government to provide an overview of the mandatory licensing scheme for special procedures in Wales in conjunction with the report presented. The following information was provided:-

- Public Health risks were well documented and underreported. This was exacerbated by a fragmented regulatory framework.
- Mandatory Licensing Scheme
- Introduction of the Licensing Scheme
- Local Authority Preparations
- Active engagement with Local Authority and industry stakeholder is critical
- Moving Forward

Following questions from the floor, it was AGREED to note the report and presentation for information.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Licensing Committee – Taxis and other matters (non-statutory) held on 18 July 2024**

**Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_