



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 5 September 2023 at 5.00 pm.

This meeting was live streamed, details of which can be accessed [here](#)

County Borough Councillors:-

Councillor A Fox (Chair)

Councillor G Stacey	Councillor S Bradwick
Councillor L Ellis	Councillor G Holmes
Councillor S Powderhill	Councillor M Powell
Councillor A O Rogers	Councillor J Turner
Councillor T Williams	

Officers in attendance

Ms R Hope, Head of Service for Public Protection and Regulatory Services
Mr M Owen, Assistant Licensing Manager
Ms K Trilloe, Health Protection and Licensing Manager
Mr O Williams, Senior Solicitor - Litigation
Mr C Booker, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Ms L Warton, Licensing Officer

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillors K. Johnson.

21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

22 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT

It was **RESOLVED** to note that when Members determine the licensing and registration matters before them, they have a duty not to act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights and the Crime and Disorder Act.

23 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 18th July 2023 as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

24 TO CONSIDER THE LICENCES & REGISTRATIONS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISION OF DELEGATED POWERS FOR THE PERIOD: 10.07.23 - 20.08.23

The Head of Service for Public Protection and Regulatory Services presented Members with details of licences and registrations issued during the period 10th July 2023 to 20th August 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the update.

25 TO CONSIDER PASSING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

It was **RESOLVED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

26 ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY (INCLUDING APPEAL/PROSECUTION DATA) FOR THE PERIOD: 10.07.23 - 20.08.23

The Head of Service for Public Protection and Regulatory Services provided Members with the report outlining the most recent enforcement activity, including any prosecution and appeals updates for the period 10th July 2023 to 20th August 2023.

Members were advised that in the last committee report concerns were raised by the trade that there could be a flood of Wolverhampton licensed vehicles and drivers operating in RCT, and Licensing concerns are that RCT officers have no enforcement powers to deal with these vehicles/drivers. Furthermore, this issue was raised by the Health Protection and Licensing Manager in the Licensing Expert Panel meeting which represents all Local Authorities across Wales, where it was agreed that LAs would monitor the situation.

The Head of Service for Public Protection and Regulatory Services reported that RCT has also submitted a Freedom of Information request that has yet been responded, however, this would be circulated to Committee upon receiving the information. In addition, further concerns are the standard of conditions for Wolverhampton vehicle/drivers compared to those licensed by RCT.

Following discussions, the Committee **RESOLVED**;

- To acknowledge the update.
- To circulate the response from the Freedom of Information request to Committee once received.

**27 SUMMARY OF LICENCES ISSUED UNDER PROVISION OF
DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD: 10.07.23 - 20.08.23**

The Head of Service for Public Protection and Regulatory Services provided Members with the report outlining the Licences and/or Registrations issued under provisions of Delegated Authority for the period 10th July 2023 to 20th August 2023.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to acknowledge the update.

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This meeting closed at 5.20 pm

**Councillor A Fox
Chair.**