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Dyddiad/Date: Thursday, 16 May 2024

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Licensing Committee will be held remotely - via Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday, 22 May 2024 at 09:30.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 6
To receive for approval the minutes of the 27/02/2024
4. Appointment Of Licensing Sub- Committee(s) and Delegations to Officers 7 - 8
5. Urgent Items
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Note: This will be a Remote meeting and Members and Officers will be attending remotely via Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be recorded for subsequent transmission via the Council's internet site which will be available as soon as practicable after the meeting. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact cabinet_committee@bridgend.gov.uk or tel. 01656 643148 / 643694 / 643513 / 643696

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Chief Officer, Legal and Regulatory Services, HR and Corporate Policy

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S Easterbrook
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB ON TUESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 11:00

Present

Councillor M Lewis – Chairperson

R Williams
MJ Kearn
P W Jenkins

J E Pratt
H T Bennett
S Easterbrook

S J Bletsoe
A R Berrow

RM James

Present Virtually

J Llewellyn-Hopkins

RJ Smith

Apologies for Absence

RJ Collins

Officers:

Kirsty Evans
Julie Ellams
Andrea Lee

Senior Licensing Officer
Democratic Services Officer - Committees
Senior Lawyer

Declarations of Interest

None

24. Approval of Minutes

Decision Made	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee and Licensing Act 2003 Committee both dated 24 May 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record.
Date Decision Made	27 February 2024

Application to Permit the use of Corporate Branding on Vehicles owned by Veezu

<p>Decision Made</p>	<p>Cllrs M Kearns and R Smith did not take part in this item as they were not present in the Chamber and were unable to inspect the vehicle and therefore, did not participate in the debate and the decision.</p> <p>The Licensing Team Manager presented a report asking Members to determine an application to permit the use of corporate branding on vehicles owned by Veezu. She added that officers had delegated authority to provide approval for advertisements, however, as a full livery had been requested, Members were asked to determine the application on this occasion. The vehicle they would be inspecting was not currently licensed with Bridgend Council and the application was not for this specific vehicle, this was just to provide a representation of the livery.</p> <p>Members inspected the vehicle then returned to the Chamber to discuss the application.</p> <p>The Licensing Team Manager introduced K Oram from Veezu and explained that she would be available to answer any questions.</p> <p>Members raised a number of issues and were advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All vehicles would be fully compliant with hackney carriage conditions including having a top light.• Apart from for the Green Fleet Pilot Scheme, this was the first application for a full livery.• The level of signage helped to make the vehicle more visible for passengers, improved safety for vulnerable passengers, it would attract attention and advertise the brand.• At the moment they had four or five hybrid vehicles reserved and should the application be approved, they would add them to the fleet. That would be approximately 10% of their fleet for Bridgend.• A driver partner could hire a wrapped vehicle from Veezu although this application was only for Veezu owned vehicles.• Only hybrid vehicles would have the Veezu branding. Veezu had recently replaced 40 vehicles with 40 hybrid vehicles, within their fleet of approximately 130 across South Wales and the Southwest. They were doing this in stages with a view to eventually replacing all vehicles with hybrids.• If a vehicle was taken off the road for whatever reason, they would get the wrap removed as they would do with the plates. There would also be a contract in place to ensure this would happen with
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	<p>driver partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regard to concerns around vehicles being sold etc, the visual signage on the back door of the vehicle was a magnet and could be removed. The actual wrap was a sticker that could be removed but it could not be put back on a vehicle. • If a vehicle was sold with the wrap then enforcement action could be taken however the Veezu representative stressed that that would not happen. • It was acknowledged that other companies could apply for a full livery in the future. <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>Permit the use of the wrap on Veezu owned vehicles for the front, roof and sides of the vehicles. The Committee defines the wrap as the V's only. The Veezu door sticker is permitted on the sides of the vehicle along with Council signage; no other advertising on the sides of the vehicle is permitted i.e., "eco car". Only the wrap (V's) is permitted on the roof and front bonnet of the vehicle. No wrap or advertisement is permitted on the rear of the vehicle, only Council signage.</p> <p>The approved livery is the same as the digital impression of the corporate livery, as submitted with the application (appendix B). Members reasoning for no livery on the rear of the vehicle and no other adverts was that the vehicle was "too busy" and detracted from the Licensing Badge.</p>
Date Decision Made	27 February 2024

26. Bridgend County Borough Council Taxi Testing Regime

Decision Made	<p>The Licensing Team Manger provided an update to members on the feasibility study in respect of Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) taxi testing regime. She explained that it had been confirmed that the existing testing arrangements would run for the initial fixed term entered into between both parties, which would expire in March 2025. Due to this binding date, the feasibility study would now take place in the 2024-25 financial year. This would ensure that Members would have the most up to date, relevant information to enable them to make an informed decision.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members noted the contents of the report and agreed to await a feasibility report on alternative models of discharging statutory duties in respect of the testing and licensing of taxis (hackney carriage and private hire vehicles).</p>
Date Decision Made	27 February 2024

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Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
Date Decision Made	27 February 2024

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Agenda Item 4

Meeting of:	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	22 MAY 2024
Report Title:	APPOINTMENT OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE(S) AND DELEGATIONS TO OFFICERS
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES, HR AND CORPORATE POLICY
Responsible Officer:	KIRSTY EVANS TEAM MANAGER LICENSING
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The report content has no direct effect upon the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	To propose the membership of the Licensing Committee and Sub-Committees following the Annual Meeting of Council 2024.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose the membership of the Licensing Committee Sub-Committees following the Annual Meeting of Council 2024.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the annual general meeting of council on the 15 May 2024 they will determine they will determine the membership of the Licensing Act 2003 and the Licensing Committees for the municipal year 24/25. At the date of publication of this report the membership has not been confirmed.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The range of functions is set out within the Council's Constitution in Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions, relating to the Licensing Committee and Sub-Committees. These functions include taxi licensing, street trading, and other general licensing regimes as required. A separate report is being submitted in respect of the authority's Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 functions.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the Licensing Committee continues with the existing arrangements and approves the formation of two panels sitting on a rota basis, each consisting of

seven Members of the Licensing Committee and chaired by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible.

3.3 In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair are not able to attend their respective sub-committee meeting, a chair will be elected from those in attendance.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh Language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no safeguarding and corporate parent implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- Approve the formation of two panels sitting on a rota basis, each consisting of seven Members of the Licensing Committee and chaired by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Licensing Committee where possible. In the event that the Chair or Vice Chair are not able to attend their respective sub-committee meeting, a chair will be elected from those in attendance. These Licensing Sub-Committees will undertake licensing functions, including taxi licensing and street trading as set out in the Council's Constitution.

Background documents

None.