

LICENSING COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD HYBRID IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER – CIVIC OFFICES, ANGEL STREET, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB / REMOTELY - VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2026 AT 10:00

Present

Councillor M Lewis – Chairperson

R Williams

H T Bennett

S J Bletsoe

O Clatworthy

Present Virtually

H Griffiths

J Llewellyn-Hopkins

J E Pratt

RM James

A R Berrow

C Davies

Apologies for Absence

RJ Collins

Declarations of Interest

Cllr J E Platt declared a prejudicial interest as some of those who responded to the consultation referenced in the report were known to him. He withdrew from the meeting for agenda item 3.

Officers:

Kirsty Evans

Andrea Lee

William Lane

Yvonne Witchell

Oscar Roberts

Stephen Griffiths

Licensing Team Manager

Senior Lawyer

Operational Manager - Neighbourhood Services

Senior Licensing Officer

Democratic Services Officer - Committees

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1. Bridgend County Borough Council Taxi Testing Regime

Decision Made	<p>The purpose of the report was for members to consider the consultation responses from the taxi and private hire trade, along with comments from Ty Thomas Centre on the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) To retain the current in-house testing regime. This requires proprietors to obtain an MOT Certificate from Ty Thomas Joint Maintenance Facility along with an additional taxi compliance check.ii) To allow proprietors to obtain an MOT Certificate from any Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) approved MOT testing station in the County Borough, and that the same testing station undertakes an additional taxi compliance check. <p>Members considered the report and asked questions seeking clarification about the workings of the testing regime.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>Members determined the requirements for future testing provision for taxis and private hire vehicles for Bridgend County Borough Council as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To allow proprietors to obtain an MOT Certificate from any DVSA approved MOT testing station in the County Borough, and that the same testing station would undertake an additional taxi compliance check.• Approved the taxi compliance test form detailed in Appendix D and provided licensing officers with delegated power to make amendments to said test.• Provided officers with delegated powers to implement a new system with an implementation date of 1 May 2026 to allow for a smooth transitional period.
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2. Urgent Items

Decision Made	None
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To observe further debate that took place on the above items, please click this [link](#).

The meeting closed at 10:27.