

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE - 30TH JANUARY, 2024**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR L. WINNETT (CHAIR)

Councillors P. Baldwin (Vice-Chair)  
S. Behr  
M. Cross  
G. A. Davies  
J. Gardner  
J. Hill  
G. Humphreys  
D. Rowberry

WITH: Team Manager – Trading Standards and Licensing  
Senior Licensing Officer  
Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Solicitor

**DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>No. 1</b>	<b><u>SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION</u></b>  It was noted that no requests had been received for the simultaneous translation service.	
<b>No. 2</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Thomas and Dean Woods.	

<p><b>No. 3</b></p>	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</u></b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest and dispensations reported.</p>	
<p><b>No. 4</b></p>	<p><b><u>NON-STATUTORY LICENCE FEES 2024/25, 25/26 AND 26/27</u></b></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Team Manager - Trading Standards &amp; Licensing.</p> <p>The Chair requested that Officers prepare a report on the potential for discounted fees for Electric Vehicles and ECO fuelled vehicles during the year to be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly.</p> <p>Upon a vote being taken, it was unanimously</p> <p>FURTHER RESOLVED that the report be accepted and Option 1 be endorsed namely; to support an inflationary increase in line with MTFs assumptions or full-cost recovery calculations (whichever is the lowest) on all locally set fees covered in this report, as shown in Appendix 1 for 24/25, 25/26 and 26/27. Responses received to the consultation with the trade would be considered by the Corporate Director who would determine final decisions in accordance with the Constitution.</p>	
<p><b>No. 5</b></p>	<p><b><u>VERBAL UPDATE ON REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE</u></b></p> <p>Having regard to the views expressed by the Proper Officer regarding the public interest test, that on balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information and that the report should be exempt.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the public be excluded whilst this item of business is transacted as it is likely there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 &amp; 17, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p> <p>Consideration was given to the verbal update by the Solicitor.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the verbal update which contained information</p>	

relating to a particular individual be accepted and the information be noted.	
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