

Decision Schedule



Taxi Licensing Panel

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Taxi Licensing Panel took the following decisions on 7 August 2018 and they were effective immediately.

Councillors D Davies (in the Chair), H Thomas, G Berry, W Routley, M Cornelious and J Cleverly

Part 2

Exempt or Confidential Items

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Private Hire / Hackney Carriage Licences

Decision

The Taxi Panel gave careful consideration to the respective applications and the following decisions were made:

Driver HAAW

1. The Panel had carefully considered all that was put forward to them by way of report and found the explanation offered by HAAW not to be persuasive given the circumstances in which the Police Traffic Officers pursued their duties and the Panel could not be expected to overlook the fact of a conviction. The primary duty of the Panel was towards the protection of public safety.

The Panel noted what it took to be a propensity on behalf of HAAW to disregard speed limits and the Panel was concerned that a false declaration was made when the application for the license was submitted.

In addition to what was discussed, the Panel disregarded in their entirety anonymous emails that had been lodged with the Licensing Section as unsubstantiated complaints.

The Panel therefore decided to suspend the respondent's Private Hire Driver's Licence for a period of two weeks with immediate effect.

Further, HAAW was required to attend a 'Pass Plus' driving test within six weeks from the date of the hearing (as indicated above) and if the test was not passed, Licensing Officers were to be notified without delay.

Applicant SA

2. To grant the application of the Private Hire Driver's Licence. The Panel were minded to consider a requirement that the 'Pass Plus' driving course be taken prior to the granting of a licence, however SA had already taken the initiative to complete and pass the course in advance of his application.

Driver TA

3. In the absence of TA, it was decided to defer the hearing.

Consultation

Not applicable.

Implemented By: Head of Law & Regulation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate
