

# Decision Schedule



## Taxi Licensing Panel

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Taxi Licensing Panel took the following decisions on 8 May 2019 and they were effective immediately.

Councillors D Davies (Chair), H Thomas, J Cleverly, J Hughes, T Suller

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### **Part 2**

#### **Exempt or Confidential Items**

The following items contain confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Reports and background papers relating to these decisions are therefore not for publication and are subject to the provisions of the Act as they relate to circulation to the press and public.

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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 SA**

1. The Panel gave careful consideration to the application before them and decided that SA had provided little or no evidence to prove he has changed. They noted that two previous Taxi Licensing Panels in this authority and one in a neighboring authority as well as two appeal courts had decided he was not a fit and proper person to hold a license, the most recent being in 2017. This reason for this related to an incident that occurred in 2014 in which SA knocked over a security guard whilst on his way to pick up a fare in his hackney carriage vehicle which resulted in a conviction for driving without due care and attention. The Panel also noted that there were several other complaints against him whilst driving his hackney carriage vehicle. SA had only worked in a number of short term and voluntary jobs since his hackney carriage driver's license was revoked in 2014. The Panel agreed with the findings of the previous panels and courts that SA was not a fit and proper person as a result of his conviction and the complaints against him. They also decided that as he had provided little or no evidence to show that he had changed in the intervening years, he was not a fit and proper person to hold a license and refused to grant his application.

##### **Driver AA**

2. The Panel gave careful consideration to the evidence put before them and decided that AA should re-take the Knowledge Test within six months, if it is not taken within this time his Licence will be suspended.

Driver NU

3. The Panel gave careful consideration to the evidence put before them and decided that NU should retake the Pass Plus course within 8 weeks, if he fails to pass the Course his Licence will be suspended. If he is unable to book the Course within 8 weeks he must contact the Licensing Department to request an extension of time.

Driver ST

4. The Panel gave careful consideration to the evidence put before them and decided that ST should be issued a Formal Warning which will show on his record.

**Consultation**

Not applicable.

**Implemented By:** Head of Law & Regulation

**Implementation Timetable:** Immediate

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