

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 6 July 2021, which became effective immediately.

Councillors: Kate Thomas (Chair), Tom Suller, Joan Watkins

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 Reports and background papers relating to these decisions are therefore not for publication and are subject to the provisions of the Act as they relate to circulation to the press and public.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 Licenses

Decision

1. Driver DM
Adjourned

2. Driver UTC
The Licence Committee carefully considered the Officers Committee report and Universal Trading Centre Ltd's application and heard from the Director Mr Mohammed Mustafa Temur Ibrahim and his father Mr Safraz Ibrahim (Office Manager).

The committee had serious concerns that the applicant's father (who holds the position of manager for Universal Trading Centre Ltd) has or had strong links with a previous revoked Private Hire Operator Tasmim Ltd, that was described by the Licensing Manager as very poorly managed Private Hire Operator, that ultimately result in the Operator's licence being revoked by the Licensing Authority.

The Committee carefully considered the mitigation provided by Mr Safraz Ibrahim and a written submission that he was 1 of 3 Managers at Tasmim Ltd and did not hold the position of director, as such was not in direct control of Tasmim Ltd.

The committee have serious concerns that the management practices conducted at Tasmim Ltd by management do not continue at Universal Trading Centre Ltd.

The director of the company stipulated that his background was in accountancy and worked as driver for Uber but would require the assistance of his father in running the company as he worked in taxi School contracts for a number of years.

In light of these very serious safe guarding concerns the committee have determined to issue Universal Trading Centre Ltd with a 6 month Private Hire Operators Licence with the following conditions:

1. No director of Tasmin Ltd past or present should be involved in the running the company.
2. All Staff (excluding drivers) must obtain a (Basic) DBS check and this must be provided to the Local Authority before starting working for operator.
3. A member of Staff should be present in the office between 7:30hrs till 11:30hrs and 14:30hrs till 16:30hrs if they have a contract or booking to fulfil that day. If Staff are unable to attend the office for good reason they must notify the Licensing Authority by Email stating the reason (a good reason could be restrictions due to Covid)
4. The Operator should not utilise the services of Tasmin Ltd or other companies owned by the directors of Tasmin Ltd including the renting of vehicles.
5. The Operator must inform the Licensing Authority in writing (email) within 12 hours if a driver utilises another vehicle. This includes the name of the driver, drivers Private Hire or Hackney Carriage drivers Licence, and Vehicle Registration and Licence Number.
6. The Operator is required to update the Licensing Authority of vehicle insurance every four week in a suitable readable format.
7. The Licence Operator must utilise vehicles that have Dash Cam systems installed.
8. The Operator is not permitted to subcontract to any other Private Hire Operator or obtain work from another operator.

3. Driver SAA
Adjourned

Consultation

Not applicable.

Implemented by: Head of Law & Regulation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate
