

# 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 **6<sup>th</sup> June 2023**, which became effective immediately.

Councillors: Kate Thomas (Chair), Farzina Hussain, Saeed Adan

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 Reports and background papers relating to these decisions are therefore not for publication and are subject to the provisions of the Act as they relate to circulation to the press and public.

#### **LIC PAN 06/23**

#### Private Hire / Hackney Carriage Licenses

##### Decision

##### Driver SC

NB. The Chair explained to the driver that 3 members were due to be on the panel but 1 Councillor, namely Saeed Adan, was due to attend remotely but was experiencing IT difficulties. Councillor Adan was therefore on his way to attend in person at the Civic Centre but would be approximately 20 mins. The driver did not want to wait and requested that his case proceed with 2 panel members only.

The Licensing Panel carefully considered the Officer's report and the driver's mitigation. The Licensing Panel noted the driver's previous good record and accepted his mitigation concerning his personal circumstances. The Licensing Panel noted that the driver admitted to making 2 serious mistakes, which could have had far more serious consequences. The Licensing Panel decided that the driver should receive a 2-week suspension and be required to retake the knowledge test.

##### Driver DSM

The application was withdrawn and so the hearing was not required to take place.

##### Driver SA

The Licensing Panel carefully considered the Officer's report, the applicant's representations, the Department of Transport Statutory Guidance and Newport City Council Hackney Carriage &

Private Hire Policies 2017. The Licensing Panel noted the seriousness of the offences that had been previously undisclosed by the applicant, however accepted his reason for the non-disclosure. In all the circumstances, the Licensing Panel decided to grant the applicant a licence with the condition that he makes an application to the DBS for its update service, to allow Licensing Officers to perform checks every 6 months. The Licensing Panel also imposed further conditions, namely that the applicant installs CCTV and a Dash Cam within his vehicle at his own expense.

### **Consultation**

Not applicable.

**Implemented by:** Head of Law & Standards

**Implementation Timetable**