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Meeting

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.00 am, MONDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Location

Virtual Meeting

NOTE

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(DISTRIBUTED Friday, 15 September 2023)

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP (15)

Plaid Cymru (10)

Councillors

Alan Jones Evans
Gareth Tudor Jones
Edgar Wyn Owen
Arwyn Herald Roberts
Elfed Williams

Annwen Hughes
Linda Ann Jones
Gwynfor Owen
Huw Rowlands
Vacant Seat - Plaid Cymru

Independent (5)

Councillors

Gareth Williams
Eryl Jones-Williams
John Brynmor Hughes

Angela Russell
Anwen J. Davies

Ex-officio Members

Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

4. MINUTES

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The Chairman shall propose that the minutes of the meeting of this Committee, held on 12th June 2023 be signed as a true record.

5. GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

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To submit, for information, minutes of the General Licensing Sub-committee meeting held on the following date –

- a) 21 April 2023
- b) 14 July 2023

6. PROPOSED TAXI LICENCE FEES 2023/24

13 - 19

To consider and approve the proposal to raise the fees with effect from the 1 October 2023 to the recommended level; in accordance with the procedure outlined following the public consultation

Agenda Item 4

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE 12 June 2023

Present:

Councillors: Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Eryl Jones-Williams, Gareth Tudor Jones, Linda Ann Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen, Rheinallt Puw, Huw Rowlands, Elfed Williams, Gwynfor Owen, Arwyn Herald Roberts and Gareth Williams

Officers: Sion Huws (Solicitor - Legal Services), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2023/24

RESOLVED TO ELECT COUNCILLOR ELFED WILLIAMS AS CHAIR FOR 2023/24.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2023/24

RESOLVED TO ELECT COUNCILLOR GWYNFOR OWEN AS VICE-CHAIR FOR 2023/24.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Anwen Davies, Alan Jones Evans and Angela Russell.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

The following member declared that he had an interest in relation to the item noted:

Councillor Arwyn Herald Roberts in item 8 on the agenda, as he had a close connection with local taxi companies.

The Member believed it was a prejudicial interest, and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the application.

5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of a meeting of this committee, that took place on 5 December 2022, as a true record.

7. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Submitted and received, for information, the minutes of the General Licensing Sub-committees held on 13 March 2023, 10 February 2023, 23 January 2023, 14 December 2022, 23 November 2022, 14 November 2022 and 8 November 2022 as true records.

8. PROPOSED TAXI LICENCE FEES 2023/24

Submitted - the report of the Licensing Manager, requesting that the Committee approve the proposed taxi licence fees for 2023/24. Members were reminded that this Committee had resolved back in 2013, that taxi fees would be reviewed annually, in order to fully recover costs of receiving, processing and the administration of licences only. It was highlighted that Gwynedd's fees had not changed since 2019 and although the situation had been reviewed in 2020/21, the Committee decided not to increase the fees because of the impact of the Covid crisis.

It was reported that the Licensing Authority recognised that vehicle maintenance costs, insurance costs and fuel costs had bad increased over the past 18 months, and that the situation had been difficult for the taxi industry as it emerged from the effects of the Covid pandemic.

In the context of the Licensing Unit's costs it was highlighted that inflation, together with factors such as officers' training needs, the costs of advertising and consulting on fee changes, and an increased level of checks required to ensure the suitability of drivers, vehicles and operators were also considerations to increase the costs of providing a taxi licensing service. The need to complete the review of the Combined Taxi Policy was reiterated, which would adopt the recommendations of the Department for Transport's National Statutory Hackney and Private Hire Vehicle Standards; as well as incorporating the proposed far-reaching changes likely to emerge from the Welsh Government's White Paper consultation on how the taxi industry is regulated. Consequently, it was considered that there was no option but to increase the fees to maintain the service that expected by the public and the industry.

It was reported that the income deficit for the different taxi licences varied; depending on the extra effort that takes place in processing applications and verifying compliance and therefore an average increase of 12% was recommended in fee levels subject to consultation with the taxi industry and consultation through public notice.

Members gave thanks for the report.

Matters arising from the ensuing discussion:

- Although increasing any fees was against the grain, costs had to be recovered
- Concern that some companies would cease because of the increase - there was a need to ensure that help was available
- A lack of drivers in rural areas, why did they therefore have to pay the same price as drivers in urban areas
- Some companies ignored the tariff

In response to a question regarding using the proposed substantial increase in the 3-year licence, it was accepted that this was the biggest increase that was recommended due to the work of ensuring that a driver is a fit and proper person (that will also in the future be in line with statutory requirements, including checking tax payments).

In response to a question regarding why an increase of 12% could not be introduced for all the fees rather than an average percentage, it was noted that the Licensing Unit merely had powers to recover costs and that there were specific factors regarding the process. It was highlighted that a costs exercise had been undertaken for all types of licences to highlight fairness and it was considered that one percentage would not be a fair reflection of the situation.

In response to the comment that some small taxi firms ignored the tariff, it was noted that the Welsh Government's White Paper made the process more complex by introducing two regulatory systems - one for hackney vehicles / taxis and another for private hire vehicles. In response, the need to create one system that would avoid any complexity was noted and to refer that opinion to the Government. The Licensing Manager, who was also Chair of the North Wales Licensing Group, noted that the Group had submitted observations to the recent consultation by the Welsh Government (May 2023) and they were very disappointed with the Welsh Government's decision to continue with two processes.

Councillors were encouraged to refer complaints about any company that did not adhere to the Licensing Unit's fees.

A vote was taken on the proposal to increase the fees

RESOLVED:

To approve the proposal to raise the fees to the recommended level, subject to consultation with the taxi industry and consultation through public notice.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 and concluded at 10:40.

GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 21-04-23

Present:

Councillors: Councillor Annwen Hughes (Chair)
Councillors Huw Rowlands and Elfed Williams

Officers: Siôn Huws (Senior Solicitor), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager), Nicola Williams (Licensing Officer - observing) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

None to note

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs applied as the individuals in question were entitled to privacy and there was no overriding public interest that required the disclosure of personal information relating to those individuals, or their identities. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - Mrs A

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the decision would be made in accordance with Cyngor Gwynedd's licensing policy. It was noted that the purpose of the policy was to set guidelines for the criteria when considering the applicant's application, with the aim of protecting the public by ensuring that:

- The person is a fit and proper person
- The person does not pose a threat to the public
- The public are safeguarded from dishonest persons
- Children and young people are protected
- The safeguarding of vulnerable persons
- The public can be confident in using licensed vehicles.

The Licensing Officer presented a written report on the application received from Mrs A for a hackney/private hire vehicle driver's licence. The Sub-committee was asked to

consider the application in accordance with the DBS record, the guidelines on relevant criminal offences and convictions, and the report of the DVLA.

The Licensing Authority recommended that the Sub-committee should approve the application. The applicant's driving licence was a clean licence.

The applicant was invited to expand on the application and provide information about the background of the offences and her personal circumstances. She noted that she had been going through a difficult time and it was one domestic incident that had led to the convictions in March and May 2014. At the time, she had also been suffering with medical problems and following the incident, she received support and treatment to recover. She made reference to her work as a licensed passenger supervisor who was responsible for assisting taxi drivers who carried vulnerable passengers/children on Cyngor Gwynedd Education Department school contracts.

RESOLVED that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be issued with a hackney/private hire vehicle driver's licence from Cyngor Gwynedd.

In reaching its decision, the Sub-committee considered the following:

- The requirements of 'Cyngor Gwynedd's Licensing Policy for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles'
- The applicant's application form
- The Licensing Department's report, together with the DBS statement and the DVLA's report
- The applicant's verbal representations

Specific consideration was given to the following matters:

Background

In March 2014 the applicant was found guilty of driving a car with excess alcohol contrary to the Road Traffic Act 1988 S.5 (1) (A). She was fined £110, ordered to pay costs of £85 and disqualified from driving for 17 months. The offence was committed on 27-02-2014

In May 2014, the applicant was found guilty of common assault, contrary to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 S.39. She was given a fine of £55, costs of £200 and a Prevention Order - Safety from harassment on conviction until a further order. The offence was committed on 27-02-2014

RELEVANT CLAUSES OF THE POLICY

Paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Policy was considered, which states that a person with a conviction for a serious offence need not be automatically barred from obtaining a licence, but he will be expected to have been free of any conviction for an appropriate period as stated in the Policy, and to show evidence that he is a fit and proper person to hold a licence. The onus is on the applicant to prove that he is a fit and proper person. Paragraph 2.4 states that when an applicant has a conviction(s) or there are other related matter(s) to be considered in connection with that, the Council cannot review the merits of the conviction or the other matter.

Paragraph 4.5 was considered which states that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002 allows the Sub-committee to take into account all convictions recorded against an applicant, whether spent or otherwise, under the 1974 Act.

Paragraph 6.0 of the Policy addresses violent offences. Paragraph 6.1 states that, since licensed drivers come into close contact regularly with the public, the sub-committee shall adopt a firm stance towards those who have offences involving violence.

Paragraph 6.2 notes that anyone found guilty of an offence relating to violence is unlikely to be granted a licence until they have been free from such a conviction for a minimum of three years. However, when considering the range of offences relating to violence, the nature of the offence must be considered.

Paragraph 11.0 which addressed drink-driving offences, was considered. In paragraph 11.1, it is noted that a serious view would be taken of convictions for driving or being responsible for a vehicle under the influence of alcohol / drugs. Any one who is found guilty of offences relating to drink-driving is unlikely to receive a licence until they have been free from a conviction(s) for at least three years.

CONCLUSIONS

The Sub-committee considered the applicant's explanation of the circumstances that had led to the 2014 conviction, and the officers' recommendation to approve the application.

The Sub-committee came to the conclusion that the 2014 conviction was a violent offence for the purpose of the Policy, and that sufficient time had elapsed the three year threshold since the applicant was found guilty. The applicant's explanations and the reasons for her behaviour in 2014 were considered and it was accepted that she wanted to put the matter behind her and to move on. The applicant was thanked for being open and honest when she explained the incident in 2014.

Having considered the nature of the offence, the sentence given and the fact that there was no further history of offending, there were no compelling reasons for not following the authority's policy and to approve the application in this case.

The Sub-committee determined in favour of approving the application and it was determined that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hackney and private hire vehicle driver's licence.

The Solicitor reported that the decision would be confirmed formally by letter to the applicant.

The meeting commenced at 10am and concluded at 10:30am

GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE 14-07-23

Present:

Councillors: Councillor Elfed Williams (Chair)
Councillors Huw Rowlands and Gareth Jones

Officers: Siôn Huws (Senior Solicitor), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Licensing Manager),
Lyndsey Thomas (Licensing Officer) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy
Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

None to note

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 12 and 13, Part 4, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. These paragraphs applied as the individuals in question were entitled to privacy and there was no overriding public interest that required the disclosure of personal information relating to those individuals, or their identities. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – Mr A

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He highlighted that the decision would be made in accordance with Cyngor Gwynedd's Licensing Policy. It was noted that the purpose of the policy was to set guidelines for the criteria when considering the applicant's application, with the aim of protecting the public by ensuring that:

- The person is a fit and proper person
- The person does not pose a threat to the public
- The public are safeguarded from dishonest persons
- Children and young people are protected
- The safeguarding of vulnerable persons
- The public can be confident in using licensed vehicles

The Licensing Officer presented a written report on an application received from Mr A for a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence. The Sub-committee was requested to

consider the application in accordance with the DBS record, the guidelines on criminal offences and relevant convictions.

The Licensing Authority recommended that the Sub-committee should approve the application. The applicant had a clean driver's licence.

The applicant was invited to expand on the application and provide information about the background of the offences and his personal circumstances. He noted that the offences had occurred following graduation from Bangor University and being invited to join a new company on the High Street. He was not aware of the maladministration and he did not include the convictions on his application form as he considered these to be the company's convictions and not personal convictions. He added that he had by now received UK citizenship and he highlighted that his application for citizenship had been very thorough about his character.

RESOLVED that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be issued with a hackney/private hire vehicle driver's licence from Cyngor Gwynedd.

In reaching its decision, the Sub-committee considered the following:

- The requirements of 'Cyngor Gwynedd's Licensing Policy for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles'
- the applicant's application form
- the Licensing Department's report along with the DBS statement
- the applicant's verbal representations

Specific consideration was given to the following matters

Background

In April 2013, the applicant was found guilty of the offence of concealing, unable to commit to the duty placed under the Companies Act 2006 (S.1006. S1006(7)). He received a fine of £250 and costs of £2200 and a victim's surcharge of £15 in a Juvenile Court in Gwynedd.

In November 2013, the applicant was found guilty of the offence of concealing, unable to commit to the duty placed under the Companies Act 2006 (S.1006. S1006(7)). He received a fine of £250 in a Juvenile Court in Gwynedd.

RELEVANT CLAUSES OF THE POLICY

Paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Policy was considered, which states that a person with a conviction for a serious offence need not be automatically barred from obtaining a licence, but he will be expected to have been free of any conviction for an appropriate period as stated in the Policy, and to show evidence that he is a fit and proper person to hold a licence. The onus was on the applicant to prove that he was a fit and proper person. Paragraph 2.4 states that when an applicant has a conviction(s) or there are other related matter(s) to be considered in connection with that, the Council cannot review the merits of the conviction or the other matter.

Paragraph 4.5 was considered which states that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002 allows the Sub-committee to take into account all convictions recorded against an applicant, whether spent or otherwise, under the 1974 Act.

The Policy did not consider the specific convictions that related to the applicant, however, the applicant was found guilty in a Juvenile Court in 2013. No convictions had been recorded since then.

CONCLUSIONS

The Sub-committee considered the applicant's explanation of the circumstances that had led to the 2013 convictions, and the officers' recommendation to approve the application.

The Sub-committee concluded that the convictions in April and November 2013 were criminal offences, however, a period of 10 years had elapsed since the applicant was convicted; which had enabled the applicant to prove to the Licensing Authority that lessons have been learnt since his offences, that his behaviour had changed, and that he had highlighted his ability and suitability to hold a taxi driver's licence.

Having considered the nature of the offences, the sentence given and the fact that there was no further history of offending, there were no compelling reasons for not following the authority's policy and to approve the application in this case.

The Sub-committee determined in favour of approving the application and it was determined that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hackney and private hire vehicle driver's licence.

The Solicitor reported that the decision would be confirmed formally by letter to the applicant.

The meeting commenced at 11:40am and concluded at 12:05pm.

COMMITTEE	GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE
DATE:	25 September 2023
TITLE:	PROPOSED TAXI LICENCE FEES 2023/24
PURPOSE:	TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FEES FOLLOWING PUBLIC CONSULTATION
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 At a meeting of this Committee on 12 June 2023 you will recall that there was a recommendation to increase taxi licence fees to ensure that costs involved with the administration and compliance of these licences are recovered, in full. See the table in Appendix 1 to this report for full details of the proposed fees.
- 1.2 The Council is required to review its fees in respect of taxi licensing (i.e., hackney carriage licences, private hire vehicle licences, private hire operator and driver licences) on a regular basis. This Committee decided back in 2013 that taxi fees would be reviewed annually.
- 1.2 Sections 53 and 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provide that fees may be charged at a level sufficient to cover reasonable costs -
- For granting a driver's licence for a hackney or private hire vehicle – costs associated with processing, administration and issuing licences.
 - For granting a vehicle and operator's licence – inspection costs, hackney carriage stand, public notices, management and supervision of vehicles and any other costs associated with processing an application.
- 1.3 The deficit in the income received for the different taxi licences varies; depending on the extra effort that takes place in processing applications and verifying compliance. The fee levels recommended to allow for the recovery of costs means an average increase of 12%.

2. CONSULTATION WITH THE INDUSTRY

- 2.1 This Committee's decision in June to approve increasing the taxi licence fees was subject to a full public consultation, in accordance with the statutory requirements.
- 2.2 The industry has received a letter outlining the changes to the fees and the reasons for the increase; in order to allow enough time for the industry to highlight any concerns about the increase in fees (see appendix 2). In accordance with Section 70 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976, a public notice of proposed changes to fees appeared in the local press on 20 July 2023. There is a specific timetable for public consultation; and no proposed changes will come into force until responses to the formal consultation have been considered by this Committee.
- 2.3 The notice placed in the press (see Appendix 3) includes the date when the fees become operative, no earlier than 28 days after the date of notice, provided there are no objections to the fees. New fees will not become effective until 1 October 2023; if there is a final decision to approve by this Committee.

- 2.4 The 28 days of consultation ended on the 18 August; and it can be confirmed that one email of objection has been received. One local taxi company has noted concern in an email (see appendix) that the increase in fees is going to make things difficult for companies to attract new drivers to apply for taxi driving licences due to the costs involved with the licensing process. It is noted that there is a shortage of taxis in Pwllheli and Pen Llŷn. The point is also being made that the taxi industry is continuing attempts to recover business following the significant drop in income during the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdowns. The respondent also believes that the costs of the Licensing Unit are likely to have fallen as many taxi companies now use the on-line self-service process to submit applications.
- 2.5 The Licensing Unit appreciates that it is not easy to encourage people to be running Taxi companies in the countryside; many new drivers are being attracted to work in the taxi industry in less rural locations such as Caernarfon and Bangor.
- 2.6 The service is not aware that there is evidence that fewer drivers are issuing licence applications when fees rise.
- 2.7 While the service accepts that the system to submit taxi licence applications through self-service has facilitated arrangements and assisted officers in processing applications sooner; a review of service costs shows that the self-service process has not resulted in cost reductions. A significant and increasing effort goes into checking the accuracy of the documents and carrying out the essential checks to ensure that individuals are fit and proper to hold a taxi licence and that vehicles are safe.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee finally approves the proposal to raise the fees with effect from the 1 October 2023 to the recommended level; in accordance with the procedure outlined following the public consultation.

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Hysbysir drwy hyn, yn unol ag adran 70, Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1976, bod Cyngor Gwynedd yn bwriadu diwygio ffioedd trwyddedau cerbydau hacni, cerbydau hurio preifat a gweithredwyr hurio preifat fel a ganlyn:

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Trwydded Cerbyd (Hacni a Hurio Preifat)	£208.00	1 Blwyddyn
Trwydded Gweithredwr Hurio Preifat	£257.00	1 Blwyddyn
	£300.00	3 Mlynedd
	£358.00	5 Mlynedd

Gellir archwilio copi o'r hysbysiad am ddim am gyfnod o 28 niwrnod wedi cyhoeddi'r hysbysiad hwn yn - Siop Gwynedd, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Stryd Y Jêl, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1SH

Siop Gwynedd, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Ffordd Y Cob, Pwllheli, Gwynedd LL53 5AA
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Yn ddarostyngedig i ystyriaeth o unrhyw sylwadau a dderbynnir o fewn 28 o ddyddiad y rhybudd hwn, bwriedir gweithredu ar y newidiadau uchod ar y 1 Hydref 2023.

Dyddiedig: 20/07/2023 Dafydd W Williams, Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Amgylchedd, Cyngor Gwynedd, Stryd y Jêl, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1SH

GWYNEDD COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 REVISED LICENCE FEES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S 2023/2024

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 70, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, that Gwynedd Council proposes to amend the fees for Hackney Carriage vehicle, Private Hire vehicle and Private Hire Operator licences as follow:

	Fee	Duration
Vehicle Licence (Hackney Carriage & Private Hire)	£208.00	1 Year
Private Hire Operator's Licence	£257.00	1 Year
	£300.00	3 Years
	£358.00	5 Years

A copy of this notice may be inspected free of charge, for a period of 28 days from the publication of this notice at - Siop Gwynedd, Council Offices, Shirehall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1SH

Siop Gwynedd, Council Offices, Ffordd Y Cob, Pwllheli, Gwynedd LL53 5AA
Siop Gwynedd, Council Offices, Cae Penarlag, Dolgellau, Gwynedd LL40 2YB
Any comments on the amendments specified above can be made in writing and sent within 28 days of this notice to Licensing@gwynedd.llyw.cymru or **Environment Department, Shirehall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1SH.**

Subject to consideration of any comments received within 28 days of this notice, it is proposed that the above changes will be implemented on 1 October 2023.

Dated: 20/07/2023 Dafydd W Williams, Head of Environment Services, Gwynedd Council, Shirehall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 1SH.

Probate & Trustee

HELEN GRIFFITHS (Maiden name: Robyns) (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 83 Penrhos Road, Bangor, LL57 2BQ, who died on 19/04/2023, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/09/2023, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

John Tudur Owen, Tudur Owen Roberts Glynne & Co, Moreia, South Penrallt, Caernarfon LL55 1NS (Ref:C/20427)

JEREMIAH O'CONNOR (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of Flat 31 Awe! Y Dyffryn, Middle Lane, Denbigh, Denbighshire, Wales, LL16 3AT, who died on 13/03/2023, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 21/09/2023, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

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Annwyl Syr/Madam

FFIOEDD TRWYDDEDAU GYRRWYR, CHERBYDAU HACNI, HURIO PREIFAT A GWEITHREDWYR 2023/24

Hoffwn eich hysbysu bod y Pwyllgor Trwyddedu wedi cymeradwyo'r hawl i gychwyn ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus ar gynyddu ffioedd trwyddedau tacsis o'r 1af o Hydref 2023.

Mae adran 53 a 70 o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1976 yn darparu y caiff y ffioedd eu codi ar lefel ddigonol i adennill costau rhesymol.

Penderfynodd Pwyllgor Trwyddedu Cyffredinol y Cyngor yn 2013 y byddai ffioedd tacsii yn cael eu hadolygu yn flynyddol ac yn cael eu gosod ar lefel ddigonol i adennill costau rhesymol .

Mae'r Cyngor wedi cynnal adolygiad blynyddol o'r costau ac wedi penderfynu fod lefel y ffioedd presennol yn annigonol i adennill y gost o ddarparu'r gwasanaeth Trwyddedu tacsii ar gyfer 2023/24

Ni chynyddwyd y ffioedd o gwbl yn 2020, 2021 nac yn 2022. Er mwyn adennill y costau; bwriedir cynyddu'r ffioedd o tua 12% ar gyfartaledd o 1 Hydref 2023

Ni fydd unrhyw gynnydd yn y ffioedd atodol megis ffi trosglwyddo cerbyd, neu ffioedd Bracedi, platiau a bathodynau.

Dear Sir/Madam

LICENCE FEES FOR HACKNEY AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER, VEHICLE AND OPERATORS 2023/24

I wish to inform you that the Licensing Committee has resolved to commence a public consultation on increasing the fees for taxi licences from the 1st of October 2023

Sections 53 and 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provide that fees may be charged at a level sufficient to recover reasonable costs. The Council's General Licensing Committee decided in 2013 that Taxi licensing fees would be reviewed annually and be set at a level sufficient to recover the reasonable costs.

The Council has undertaken it's annual review of costs and determined that the current fee levels are insufficient to recover the costs of providing the taxi licensing services for 2023/24.

The fees were not increased at all in 2020, 2021 or 2022. So as to achieve cost recovery; it is proposed that the fees will increase by approximately 12% on average. from 1 October 2023.

Supplementary fees for matters such as transfer of vehicle, brackets plates or badges will remain unchanged.

The full list of the current and proposed fees is

Swyddfa Ardal Dwyfor
Pwllheli
Gwynedd. LL53 5AA
01766 771 000
www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Gweler atodiad i'r llythyr hwn am y rhestr lawn o ffioedd cyfredol a'r ffioedd arfaethedig . Noder, fod diwygio rhai ffioedd yn destun ymgynghoriad statudol. Fe fydd yr ymgynghoriad statudol yn cychwyn drwy gyhoeddi Rhybudd Cyhoeddus yn y papurau lleol ar **20fed o Orffennaf 2023**

Bydd copi o'r rhybudd ar gael iw archwilio am ddim yn Siop Gwynedd Caernarfon, Siop Gwynedd Pwllheli, a Siop Gwynedd Dolgellau am gyfnod o 28 diwrnod o'r 20fed o Orffennaf 2023 ymlaen .

Rhaid gwneud unrhyw sylwadau ar y diwygiadau arfaethedig yn ysgrifenedig ; a'i anfon o fewn 28 diwrnod o ddyddiad cyhoeddi'r rhybudd i'r cyfeiriad isod neu drwy e bost at Trwyddedu@Gwynedd.llyw.cymru

attached to this letter. Please note , the varying of certain fees is subject to statutory consultation. The statutory consultation will begin with the publication of a Public Notice in local newspapers on **20th of July 2023**.

A copy of the notice will be available for inspection free of charge at Shop Gwynedd Caernarfon, Shop Gwynedd Pwllheli and Shop Gwynedd Dolgellau for a period of 28 days starting on the 20th of July 2023.

Any comments on the proposed amendments must be made in writing, and sent within 28 days of the publication date of the notice to the address shown below or by email to Licensing@Gwynedd.llyw.cymru

Yn gywir/Yours faithfully



Gwenan Mai Roberts
Rheolwr Gwarchod y Cyhoedd (Rheolaeth Llygredd a Thrwyddedu)
Public Protection Manager (Pollution Control and Licensing)

FFIOEDD SY’N DESTUN I YMGYNGHORIAD YN UNOL AG ADRAN 70 O DDEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL (DARPARIAETHAU AMRYWIOL) 1976.

FEES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 70 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976.

FFIOEDD TRWYDDEDU TACSI	TAXI LICENSING FEES	FFI/FEES: OCTOBER 2018	CYNNIG/PROPOSAL: 2023/24
Trwydded Cerbyd Hacni Ffi Trwydded	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Licence Fee	£180.84	£208.00
Trwydded Cerbyd Hurio preifat Ffi Trwydded	Private Hire Vehicle Licence Licence Fee	£180.84	£208.00
Ffi trosglwyddo cerbyd Hacni i berchennog newydd	Transfer of Hackney licence to new proprietor	£75.00	£75.00
Ffi trosglwyddo cerbyd HP i berchennog newydd	Transfer of PH licence to new proprietor	£75.00	£75.00
Trwydded Gweithredwr Hurio Preifat (Gan gynnwys Gweithredwr Hurio Preifat amodol)	Private Hire Operators Licence (Including School Transport Operators)	1 blwyddyn/ year: £236.00 3 mlynedd years: £275.00 5 mlynedd/years: £329.00	1 blwyddyn/ year: £257.00 3 mlynedd years: £300.00 5 mlynedd/years: £358.00

FFIOEDD SYDD DDIM YN DESTYN I YMGYNGHORIAD CYHOEDDUS

FEES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION

FFIOEDD TRWYDDEDU TACSI	TAXI LICENSING FEES	FFI/FEES: OCTOBER 2018	CYNNIG/PROPOSAL: 2023/24
Trwydded Gyrrwr Cerbyd Hacni a Hurio Preifat Ffi Trwydded (cynnwys bathodyn)	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence Licence Fee (incl ID badge fee)	1 blwyddyn/ year: £233 3 mlynedd years: £270	1 blwyddyn/ year: £268.90 3 mlynedd years: £367.90
Archwiliad Swyddfa Cofnodion Troseddol	Disclosure & Barring Service	Ffi Statudol/Statutory Fee: £44.00 Ffi Weinyddol/Admin Fee: £9.50	Ffi Statudol/Statutory Fee: £44.00 Ffi Weinyddol/Admin Fee: £9.50
Trwydded Hacni Ceffyl a Char	Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage Licence	£152.60	£152.60
Plât Trwydded Cerbyd (Par)	Vehicle Licence Plate (Pair)	£34.80	£34.80
Braced Par Trwydded Cerbyd (Par)	Vehicle Licence Plate Bracket (Pair)	£34.80	£34.80
Plât allanol cerbyd (Yr un)	External Vehicle Plate (Each)	£18.25	£18.25
Plât Mewnol Cerbyd	Internal Vehicle Plate	£16.60	£16.60
Llawes Plât Mewnol	Internal Plate Sleeve	£5.00	£5.00
Sticer Drws Cerbyd Hurio Preifat (Yr un)	Private Hire External Door Sticker (Each)	£18.25	£18.25
Bathodyn Gyrrwr	Driver ID Badge	£14.90	£14.90
Ail-eistedd Prawf Gwybodaeth Gyrrwr	Driver Knowledge Test Re-sit	£9.50	£9.50