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## TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 1 May 2025  
10.00 am  
Council House

**Members:**

Councillor Tippetts, Chair  
Councillor Moore, Vice Chair  
Councillors Gilmour, Lugger, Morton, Ney and S.Nicholson.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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**Tracey Lee**

Chief Executive

# **Taxi Licensing Committee**

## **1. Apologies**

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

## **3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 03 April 2025.

## **4. Chair's Urgent Business**

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

## **5. Appeal Cases**

The Committee will be provided with the results of the judgement on appeal cases that went to Court.

## **6. Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted**

The Committee will be provided with the Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted.

## **7. Exempt Information**

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and the public from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Part II (Private Meeting)**

### **Agenda**

### **Members of the Public to Note:**

That under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Member of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

**8. Confidential Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)**

To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 03 April 2025.

**9. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence: (Pages 7 - 18)**

**10. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence: (Pages 19 - 36)**

**11. Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Drivers Licence: (Pages 37 - 52)**

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## Taxi Licensing Committee

**Thursday 3 April 2025**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Gilmour, Lugger, Morton, Ney and S.Nicholson.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor), John Brownlow (Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer) and, Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer).

The meeting started at 10.00 and finished at 10.59.

*Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

87. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

88. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 06 March 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

89. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

90. **Appeal Cases**

There had been one appeal case since the last Committee meeting. The appeal had been won by Plymouth City Council.

91. **Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted**

There had not been any certificates of good conduct exceptions granted.

92. **Exempt Information**

The Committee agreed to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 to exclude the press and the public from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds Taxi Licensing Committee Thursday 6 March 2025 that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

93. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 06 March 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

94. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

The Committee:

- a) Considered all that was said by the driver;
- b) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- c) Considered all of the relevant policies referred to in the report;
- d) Asked itself whether it would want a person they cared for, or a vulnerable person, to be driven in a vehicle by the driver.

The Committee agreed:

I. There were not sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct, and therefore resolved to refuse the driver's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

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