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## TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 5 June 2025  
10.00 am  
Council House, Plymouth

**Members:**

Councillor Moore, Chair  
Councillor Freeman, Vice Chair  
Councillors Gilmour, Lugg, Morton, S.Nicholson and Raynsford.

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

## AGENDA

### 1. **Apologies**

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

### 2. **To note the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025/26**

To note the appointment of Councillor Keith Moore as Chair, and Councillor Anne Freeman as Vice-Chair, of the Taxi Licensing Committee for 2025/26.

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

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

### 4. **Minutes** **(Pages 1 - 4)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 01 May 2025.

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

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

### 6. **Appeal Cases**

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

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

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

### 8. **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 & 3 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.

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| <b>9. Confidential Minutes</b>   | <b>(Pages 5 - 12)</b>  |
| To confirm the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 01 May 2025.                              |                        |
| <b>10. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence:</b>                       | <b>(Pages 13 - 22)</b> |
| <b>11. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence:</b>                       | <b>(Pages 23 - 34)</b> |
| <b>12. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence:</b>                                  | <b>(Pages 35 - 48)</b> |
| <b>13. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence:</b>                                  | <b>(Pages 49 - 62)</b> |
| <b>14. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence:</b> | <b>(Pages 63 - 74)</b> |

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## Taxi Licensing Committee

**Thursday 1 May 2025**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.

Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.

Councillors Lugg, Morton, Ney, S.Nicholson and Raynsford (substitute for Councillor Gilmour).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Gilmour.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor), John Brownlow (Enforcement Officer), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor (observing)) and Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.33 pm.

*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.*

95. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

96. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 03 April 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

97. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

98. **Appeal Cases**

There were no appeal cases since the last committee meeting.

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

There were no Certificates of Good Conduct Exceptions granted.

100. **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.

101. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting that took place on 03 April 2025 as an accurate record.

102. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence**

The Committee:

- a) Considered all of the information contained within the report;
- b) Considered all of the relevant policies referred to in the report;
- c) 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:

1. To revoke the driver's Private Hire Driver's Licence under s19(1)(b) Plymouth City Council Act 1975.

103. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Drivers 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:

- 1. To issue the driver with a warning letter reminding them of the professional standards of being a taxi driver.

104. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence and Private Hire Vehicle 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:

1. To suspend the Private Hire Drivers Licence for a period of three months;
2. To concurrently suspend the Private Hire Drivers Licence until the satisfactory completion of the Plymouth City Council Safeguarding course within a period of six months.

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