

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 3 July 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Moore, in the Chair.
Councillor Freeman, Vice Chair.
Councillors Gilmour, Morton, S.Nicholson, Raynsford and Tofan.

Also in attendance: Hannah Chandler-Whiting (Democratic Advisor), Steve Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer) and Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer).

The meeting started at 10.01 am and finished at 2.05 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.

14. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

15. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 05 June 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

16. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

17. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on appeal cases.

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

No certificates of good conduct exemptions had been granted.

19. **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 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.

20. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 05 June 2025 an accurate record.

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

As the licence holder for agenda item 10 was in attendance, but the licence holder for item 9 wasn't, the Committee agreed to hear item 10 first.

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 revoke the Private Hire Driver's Licence;
- 2. No action would be taken against the Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

22. **Review Status of Private Hire Driver Licence and Private Hire Operator 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 revoke the Private Hire Driver's licence;
- 2. No action would be taken against the Private Hire Operator's licence.

