

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 7 August 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Moore, in the Chair.
Councillor Freeman, Vice Chair.
Councillors Gilmour, Lugger, Morton and Raynsford.

Apologies for absence: Councillor S. Nicholson.

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 3.16 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.

23. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

24. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 03 July 2025 were agreed as an accurate record.

25. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

However, under this item the Committee wished to express their sincere thanks for Steve Forshaw's service over many years in the Taxi Licensing department, expressing that he would be missed and wishing him all the best for the future.

26. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on the outcomes of any appeal cases.

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

No certificates of good conduct exemptions had been granted.

28. **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.

29. **Confidential Minutes**

The Committee agreed the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 03 July 2025 as an accurate record.

30. **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. To allow the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

For (4)

Councillors Gilmour, Moore, Morton and Raynsford.

Against (2)

Councillors Freeman and Lugger.

31. **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 unanimously agreed:

2. To allow the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

32. **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 unanimously agreed:

3. To allow the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

33. **Review status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle & 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 unanimously agreed:

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

