

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 11 September 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Moore, in the Chair.

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor Freeman.

Also in attendance: Michelle Battershill (Lawyer), Mark Wheeler (Senior Licensing officer), John Brownlow (Licensing Officer), Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor) and Freya Donaghy (Legal Assistant (observing).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 4.15 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.

34. **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Minute number	Reason	Interest
Councillor Morton	41	Knew the driver for most of his life.	Personal interest

35. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 07 August 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

36. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of chairs urgent business.

37. **Appeal Cases**

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

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

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

39. **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 Taxi Licensing Committee Thursday 7 August 2025 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.

40. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes of the meeting that took place on 07 August 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

41. **Review status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

(Please note that there is a confidential minute to this item)

(Councillor Morton declared an interest and left the meeting for this item)

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. Suspend the driver for a period of 14 days;
2. Impose requirements that the driver successfully undertake the driving standards test and provide an updated medical certificate showing fitness to drive a taxi within 3 months of this decision;
3. No action would be taken regarding the Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

42. **Review status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

(Please note that there is a confidential minute to this item)
(Councillor Morton re-joined the meeting at the start of this item)

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 to:

- 1. Suspend the drivers licence for a period of one calendar month.

43. **Review status of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence**

(Please note that there is a confidential minute to this item)

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 to:

- 1. Suspend the drivers licence for a period of 18 days.
- 2. No action would be taken regarding the drivers Private Hire Vehicle licence.

44. **Review status of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver Licence**

(Please note that there is a confidential minute to this item)

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 to:

- 1. Revoke the drivers Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver's licence.

45. **Review status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

(Please note that there is a confidential minute to this item)

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 to:

- I. Revoke the drivers Private Hire Vehicle Driver's licence.

46. **Application for the grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

(Please note that there is a confidential minute to this item)

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 to:

- I. Grant the applicant's application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.