

Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 15 January 2026

PRESENT:

Councillor Freeman, Vice Chair in the Chair.

Councillors Mrs Bridgeman (substituting for Cllr S. Nicholson), Morton, Raynsford and Simpson (substituting for Cllr Moore).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Gilmour and Lugger, Moore and S. Nicholson.

Also in attendance: Alex Ledger (Taxi Licensing Officer), Jake Metcalfe (Principal Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny Officer), and Mark Wheeler (Senior Taxi Licensing Officer) and Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.20 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.

98. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

99. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings that took place on 20 November 2025 and 04 December 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate records.

For: (3) Councillors Freeman, Morton, Raynsford.

Against: (0)

Abstain: (2) Councillors Mrs Bridgeman and Simpson.

100. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

101. **Appeal Cases**

Ian Wills (Senior Lawyer) provided an update of appeal cases and that there were three in progress.

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

There were no certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions granted.

103. **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 involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph one of Part one of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

104. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes of the meetings that took place on 20 November 2025 and 04 December 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate records.

For: (3) Councillors Freeman, Morton, Raynsford.

Against: (0)

Abstain: (2) Councillors Mrs Bridgeman and Simpson.

105. **Review status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence, Private Hire Vehicle Licence and Operators Licence**

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

The Committee took the following into account:

- a) All that was said by the driver;
- b) The information contained within the report;
- c) All relevant policies referred to in the report.

The Committee agreed to:

- I. Issue a warning letter to the driver.

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

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

The Committee took the following into account:

- a) All that was said by the applicant;
- b) The information contained within the report;
- c) All relevant policies referred to in the report.

The Committee agreed to:

- I. Grant the application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

107. **Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Licence**

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

The Committee took the following into account:

- a) All that was said by the driver;
- b) The information contained within the report;
- c) All relevant policies referred to in the report.

The Committee agreed to:

- I. Issue a written warning regarding the standard of driving.

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

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

The Committee took the following into account:

- a) All that was said by the driver;
- b) The information contained within the report;
- c) All relevant policies referred to in the report.

The Committee agreed to:

- I. Revoke the Private Hire Drivers Licence;
2. Take no action in relation to the Private Hire Vehicle Licence