

# Taxi Licensing Committee

Thursday 16 January 2025

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Tippetts, in the Chair.  
Councillor Moore, Vice Chair.  
Councillors Luggier, Morton, Ney, S.Nicholson and Raynsford (substitute for Councillor Gilmour).

Apologies for absence: Councillor Gilmour.

Also in attendance: Michele Battershill (Lawyer), Rosie Brookshaw (Democratic Advisor), Stephen Forshaw (Senior Enforcement Officer) and, Mark Wheeler (Enforcement Officer).

The meeting started at 10.01 am and finished at 12.30 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.*

54. **Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item	Interest
Councillor Morton	9	Personal

55. **Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting held 21 November 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

56. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

57. **Appeal Cases**

There were no updates on appeal cases.

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

There had not been any certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

59. **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.

60. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes from the meeting held 21 November 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

*(Councillor Morton left the meeting at the conclusion of this item)*

61. **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:

1. They were satisfied that there were sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct;
2. To grant the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

*(Councillor Morton returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this item).*

62. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

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- 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. There was no sufficient evidence to deviate from the Policy guidelines;
2. To not grant the driver a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

63. **Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence**

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- 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. They were satisfied that there were sufficiently exceptional, clear or compelling reasons to depart from the Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Conduct;
2. To grant the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

64. **Review Status of a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence**

The Committee agreed to defer this item to the next available Taxi Licensing Committee.