# **Taxi Licensing Committee**

### Thursday 2 October 2025

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Moore, in the Chair. Councillor Freeman, Vice Chair. Councillors Lugger and S.Nicholson.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Gilmour, Morton and Raynsford.

Also in attendance: Rosie Brookshaw (Taxi Licensing Team Leader), Andrea Gilbert (Lawyer), Jake Metcalfe (Democratic Advisor) and Mark Wheeler (Senior Licensing Officer).

The meeting started at 10am 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.

#### 47. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 48. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting that took place on 11 September 2025 were <u>agreed</u> as a true and accurate record.

#### 49. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of chairs urgent business.

### 50. Appeal Cases

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

### 51. Number of Certificates of Good Conduct Exemptions Granted

There were no certificates of good conduct exemptions granted.

### 52. **Exempt Information**

The Committee <u>agreed</u> 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.

#### 53. **Confidential Minutes**

The confidential minutes of the meeting that took place on 11 September 2025 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### 54. 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:

I. Grant the application for a private hire vehicle driver licence subject to the applicant completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or its equivalent within 12 months of receiving the licence.

### 55. 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:

1. Grant the application for a private hire vehicle driver licence subject to the applicant completing the VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or its equivalent within 12 months of receiving the licence.

### 56. 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:

1. To refuse the application for a private hire vehicle drivers license.

#### 57. 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 <u>agreed</u> to:

1. Revoke the private hire vehicle drivers license.

#### 58. Review Status of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver Licence

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#### 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 <u>agreed</u> to:

1. Revoke the drivers private hire vehicle drivers licence.