

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday 29 October 2025

Present:

Councillors Snow, Banyard and Holland

Also Present:

Legal Advisor, Apprentice Solicitor, Democratic Services Officer and Licensing Officer

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Snow was appointed as Chair for this meeting.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847

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HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN APPLICANT FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE IS A FIT AND PROPER PERSON TO HOLD A THE LICENCE

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee Members and Officers. The applicant had been referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee to determine if he was a fit and proper person to hold a licence to drive a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle.

The Apprentice Solicitor set out the procedure for the hearing and the provisions of Section 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Apprentice Solicitor stated that the evidential burden was on the Applicant to prove on the balance of probabilities that he was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi drivers licence, and that the safety of the travelling public is the paramount concern of the Sub-Committee.

The Licensing Officer presented the application and their report to the Sub-Committee.

The Applicant spoke in support of their application and answered questions from Members and the Apprentice Solicitor.

RESOLVED that the application be granted, with the advisory that any future incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority in accordance with the

conditions of the licence.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

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**APPLICATION TO RENEW A LICENCE RELATING TO A PRIVATE HIRE
DRIVERS VEHICLE LICENCE OVER 9 YEARS OLD**

The Legal Advisor informed the Chair that this item was withdrawn.

(The meeting commenced at 9.32 am and closed at 10.16 am)

Chair