

## REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Hearing: 28 August 2025

Report of: Environmental Health and Community Safety Manager

Type of Application: RENEWAL of a licence relating to a Hackney Carriage vehicle over 10 years old.

Legislation: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

Applicant: [REDACTED]

### 1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 An application attached at Appendix A has been received from the Applicant, a licensed taxi driver seeking permission for the renewal of a hackney carriage licence for a vehicle which will be 10 years old on 30 July 2025. This is a matter that cannot be dealt with under delegated powers.

### 2. Background:

- 2.1 The vehicle that is being presented for licensing as a hackney carriage vehicle is a 4 passenger, Toyota Yaris, registration number [REDACTED], with a date of first registration of 30 June 2015. A copy of the vehicle registration document is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.2 The vehicle is a hybrid Euro 6 standard and is Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) compliant emitting 75g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.

### 3. Report Details:

- 3.1 The vehicle has a current MOT certificate dated 18 June 2025 and expires 02.07.2026. The mileage recorded at the MOT inspection was 110,884 miles. The MOT certificate and history are attached as Appendix C. The MOT history shows that the vehicle has failed the MOT test on 6 occasions since 2018. In addition to the MOT certificate there is an independent mechanical inspection report, which has been submitted, this is dated 18 June 2026 and is attached as Appendix D. Photos for the vehicle are attached at Appendix E. Upon inspection by a Council Officer the vehicle was found to be in reasonable condition for the age. The vehicle was first plated by Exeter City Council on 16 June 2018 and has been licensed since that date.

- 3.2 The Licensing Sub-Committee must have regard to the Council's the Practices and Procedures for the control of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators and the Code of Conduct for Licensed Drivers ('Taxi Policy')
- 3.3 Vehicles presented for renewal that are more than 8 years old will be referred to the licensing sub-committee for determination.

#### **4. What are the legal aspects?**

- 4.1 Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 provides that a district council may grant a vehicle a Hackney Carriage Licence. Section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 ('the Act') states that a district council may attach such conditions to a licence as it considers reasonably necessary. The conditions that may apply are set out in the Taxi Policy.
- 4.2 Any person aggrieved by a refusal of the Licensing Sub-Committee to grant a vehicle licence under Section 48 of the Act may appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days of receiving written notice of the refusal.

#### **5. Recommendations:**

- 5.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee are asked to determine the application having regard to current policy.

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#### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)**

Background papers used in compiling this report:-  
None

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