

## REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

**Date of Hearing:** 15 April 2026

**Report of:** Julie Bennett Licensing Officer

**Type of Application:** RENEWAL of a licence relating to a Hackney Carriage vehicle over 9 years old.

**Legislation:** Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Town Police Clauses Act 1847

**Applicant:** Ullah Noor

### 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 is 10 years old on 19 September 2026. 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, Peugeot Horizon, registration number SF66 FGZ, with a date of first registration of 19 September 2016. A copy of the vehicle registration document is attached as Appendix B.

### 3. Report Details:

- 3.1 The vehicle has a current MOT certificate dated 24 February 2026 and expires 7 March 2027. The mileage recorded at the MOT inspection was 173,719 miles. The MOT certificate and history are attached as Appendix C. The MOT history shows that the vehicle has failed the MOT test on 5 occasions since 2021. In addition to the MOT certificate there is an independent mechanical inspection report, which has been submitted, this is dated 4 March 2026 and is attached as Appendix D. Photos of 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 11 March 2019 and has been licensed since that date. The vehicle was transferred to the Applicant on 24 September 2021.
- 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 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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