

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Date of Hearing: 17 June 2026

Report of: Julie Bennett Licensing Officer

Type of Application: RENEWAL of a licence relating to a Hackney Carriage vehicle over 8 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 is more than 8 years old. 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 Prius, registration number YB66 JCX, with a date of first registration of 13 January 2017. A copy of the vehicle registration document is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.2 The vehicle is Euro 6 standard and the emissions recorded at last MOT was 70 g/km.

3. Report Details:

- 3.1 The vehicle has a current MOT certificate dated 30 April 2026 and expires 5 May 2027. The mileage recorded at the MOT inspection was 209,662 miles. The MOT certificate and history are attached as Appendix C. The MOT history shows that the vehicle has failed the MOT test on two occasions since 2019. In addition to the MOT certificate there is an independent mechanical inspection report, which has been submitted, this is dated 30 April 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 26 May 2019 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 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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Background papers used in compiling this report:-
None

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