

GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026

Present: Cllrs Derek Beer, Cathy Lugg and Jane Somper

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Roy Keepax (Senior Licensing Officer), Joshua Kennedy (Democratic Services Officer) and Hannah Massey (Lawyer - Regulatory)

66. Election of Chair and Statement for the Procedure of the Meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Lugg and seconded by Cllr Somper that the Cllr Beer be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

67. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

68. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

69. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

70. Exempt Business

It was proposed by Cllr Lugg and seconded by Cllr Somper that the sub-committee go into exempt business.

Decision: That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in item(s) No 6 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public. The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered. (Any live streaming will end at this juncture).

71. Taxi Driver Application 1

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a combined private hire and hackney carriage licence, after offences had been reported.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report. The applicant was subsequently invited to put their case forward and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other and to sum up.

Decision: to revoke the applicant's combined private hire and hackney carriage driver licence.

72. Taxi Driver Application 2

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a combined private hire and hackney carriage licence after offences were revealed during the application process.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report. The applicant was subsequently invited to put their case forward and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other and to sum up.

Decision: to refuse the application to be licensed as a combined hackney carriage and private hire driver.

73. Taxi Driver Application 3

The Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a combined private hire and hackney carriage licence after offences were revealed during the application process.

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report. The applicant was subsequently invited to put their case forward and all parties were given the opportunity to ask questions of each other and to sum up.

Decision: to grant the application to be licensed as a combined private hire and hackney carriage driver.

Duration of meeting: 10.30 - 11.55 am

Chairman

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