

LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2025

Present:

Councillors Gearon, Hayes (Chair) and Rollason (Vice-Chair)

Officers in Attendance:

Licensing Manager

Legal Advisor

170. APOLOGIES

None.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None.

172. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Rollason and seconded by Cllr Gearon that the Minutes of the meetings held on the 12 February 2025 and 20 March 2025 be approved as a correct record.

Unanimously

RESOLVED: that the minutes for both meetings be approved as a correct record and are signed by the Chair.

173. REQUEST FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE FOR VEHICLE OVER 5 YEARS - FG69 YHU

The Sub-Committee noted the information provided by way of the report. In particular the Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's MOT certificate expires in December 2025 with two minor defects and two advisories. The vehicle passed its vehicle inspection test on 03 April 2025 with one advisory. The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions put to them by the Sub-Committee. It was confirmed that the vehicle was to be used for school contracts and it is regularly serviced.

The Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's age was just over the Council's policy for licensing new vehicles but considered that it had met all requirements other than age. As such the Sub-Committee felt they should deviate from the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Policy in this particular circumstance as they were satisfied that the vehicle

was in a good and sound condition and that public safety would not be compromised by the granting of the licence sought.

Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee granted the new Private Hire Vehicle Licence as detailed in the report with no additional conditions.

174. REQUEST FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - KLZ 1117

The Sub-Committee noted the information provided by way of the report. In particular the Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's MOT certificate expires in October 2025, with no advisories. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test on 03 April 2025 with no advisories. The Applicant was not in attendance and did not send a representative.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the vehicle was in a good and sound condition and that public safety would not be compromised by the granting of the licence sought.

Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee granted the Private Hire Vehicle Licence Extension as detailed in the report with the additional condition that the vehicle undergoes six monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age

175. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - FJ63 ZSZ

The Sub-Committee noted the information provided by way of the report. In particular the Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's MOT certificate expires in April 2026, with five advisories. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test on 08 April 2025 with six advisories. The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions from the sub-committee about the condition of the vehicle. The Applicant confirmed that he will be getting a mechanic to attempt to remove the dent which was caused by a drunk person falling on the vehicle, not from being in a collision with another vehicle. The Applicant also confirmed that the brake pads had been fixed and that the oil leak mentioned has been checked by a mechanic and is believed to just need cleaning.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the vehicle was in a good and sound condition and that public safety would not be compromised by the granting of the licence sought.

Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee granted the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension as detailed in the report with the additional condition that the vehicle undergoes four monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to the age of the vehicle and the advisories listed.

176. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - MK12 YWA

The Sub-Committee noted the information provided by way of the report. In particular the Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's MOT certificate expires in March 2026, with no advisories. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test on 24 April 2025 with five advisories. The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions from the sub-committee about the condition of the vehicle. The Applicant confirmed that he will be getting the small dents looked at along with the rear lower arm bushes. The tracking on the vehicle has been adjusted along with replacement of the tyres.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the vehicle was in a good and sound condition and that public safety would not be compromised by the granting of the licence sought.

Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee granted the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension as detailed in the report with the additional condition that the vehicle undergoes four monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to the age of the vehicle and the advisories listed.

177. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - BV64 BZX

The Sub-Committee noted that the Application had been withdrawn.

178. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - DN62 WNU

The Sub-Committee noted the information provided by way of the report. In particular the Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's MOT certificate expires in April 2026, with one advisory. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test on 06 May 2025 with five advisories. The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions from the sub-committee about the condition of the vehicle. The Applicant confirmed that if the licence extension is granted the vehicle will be going into the body shop to have the scuffs fixed. The rear brake discs are to be fixed the following week, and all other issues have been remedied.

The Sub-Committee were satisfied that the vehicle was in a good and sound condition and that public safety would not be compromised by the granting of the licence sought.

Decision

Accordingly, the Sub-Committee granted the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Extension as detailed in the report with the additional condition that the vehicle undergoes four monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to the age of the vehicle and the advisories listed.

179. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - DX13 OVS

The Sub-Committee noted that the Application had been withdrawn.

180. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 -

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Gearon that the meeting move into Part II for the following agenda item.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:- that the meeting move into Part II for the following agenda item.

181. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Applicant was not in attendance. The Sub-Committee noted that the Applicant had been contacted and asked if they would be attending in support of their application but that no response had been received. The Sub-Committee considered that whilst they could hear the application in the absence of the Applicant, as they had questions to put to them, they felt it would be appropriate to defer the application to a later sub-committee so that further attempts to contact the Applicant could be made to allow them a chance to address the Sub-Committee.

Accordingly, it was proposed by Cllr Hayes and seconded by Cllr Rollason that agenda item 12 be deferred to a later date.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:- that the application be deferred to a later date to allow further attempts at contacting the Applicant to be made.

Cllr Hayes
Chair