

LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 29 MAY 2025

Present:

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

Officers in Attendance:

Licensing Manager

Legal Assistant

185. APOLOGIES

None.

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

None.

187. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS H590 - BV64 BZX

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 June 2026, with two advisories. The vehicle failed its initial annual taxi inspection test but then passed with three advisories. The Applicant was not in attendance, but the Sub-Committee noted the details in the letter submitted with the application.

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 six monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age and the advisories listed.

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

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 May 2026, with three advisories. The vehicle passed its taxi inspection test with five advisories. The Applicant was not in attendance, but the Sub-Committee noted the details in the letter submitted with the application.

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 six monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age and the advisories listed.

189. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS H201 - KV08 XOC

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 no advisories. The vehicle failed its initial annual taxi inspection test but then passed with two advisories. The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions from the sub-committee about the condition of the vehicle and confirmed that the advisories had all been fixed. The Applicant ensures all parts used are from the manufacturer as did the previous owner and that issues are sorted as soon as they are aware of them.

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 six monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age.

190. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS H067 - KV09 WPK

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 two advisories. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test with two advisories. The Applicant was unable to be in attendance, but the Sub-Committee noted the letter from the Applicant requesting the extension.

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 its age and advisories listed.

191. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS - SA14 CAB

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 May 2026, with one advisory. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test with two advisories. The Applicant was unable to be in attendance, but the Sub-Committee noted the letter from the Applicant requesting the extension.

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 its age and advisories listed.

192. REQUEST FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE EXTENSION FOR FURTHER 12 MONTHS P417 - KX64 OZF

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 no advisories. The vehicle passed its annual taxi inspection test with one advisory. The Applicant was unable to be in attendance, but the Sub-Committee noted the letter from the Applicant requesting the extension.

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 six monthly vehicle tests to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age.

193. REQUEST FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE FOR VEHICLE OVER 5 YEARS. - WF16 NNG

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 September 2025 with one minor defect and two advisories. The vehicle failed its initial taxi inspection test but subsequently passed with advisories.

The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions put to them by the Sub-Committee. It was confirmed that the Applicant has obtained quotes to fix the dent in the vehicle should the licence be granted. The Applicant also explained that the windscreen chip had been fixed and is no longer an issue and all other issues listed on

the MOT and inspection sheet will be looked at and remedied should the licence be granted.

The Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's age was 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 additional conditions of a six monthly taxi inspection test to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age and the advisories listed along with requiring that the dents in the vehicle are to be fixed as soon as possible.

194. REQUEST FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE OVER 5 YEARS - YA18 UWX

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 no advisories. The vehicle passed its taxi inspection test with two advisories.

The Applicant was in attendance and answered questions put to them by the Sub-Committee. It was confirmed that the Applicant has booked the vehicle in to have the brake discs looked at early next month. The Applicant is aware that the vehicle is over the policy age limit but that it had been bought for the Applicant by a family member who was unaware of the age requirements set out in the Taxi and Private Hire Policy.

The Sub-Committee noted that the vehicle's age was 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 an additional condition of a six monthly taxi inspection test to monitor the condition of the vehicle due to its age and the advisories listed. The Sub-Committee also ask that the Applicant gets the brake discs fixed as son as possible.