

PRIVATE HIRE & HACKNEY CARRIAGE REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2026

Present:-

Cllr. Roger Stead

Cllr. Janet Forey

Cllr. Helen Gambardella
(Reserve Member)

Substitutes:-

Cllr. Roy Denney (In place of Cllr. Shabbir Aslam)

Officers present:-

Ciaran Corkerry	- Environmental Health Services Manager
Jamie Osborne	- Licensing Team Leader
Gemma Dennis	- Assistant Director - Corporate Services
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Nicole Evans	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Apologies:-

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer invited nominations for the election of Chairman of the Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Regulatory Sub-Committee for this meeting only.

DECISION

That Cllr. Roger Stead be elected Chairman of the Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Regulatory Sub-Committee, for this meeting only.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

3. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Considered – A proposed resolution to exclude members of the public from the meeting.

DECISION

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

Exemption Category: 2

Reason for Exemption: Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

Public Interest Test: The public interest test has been considered and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption is considered to outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

4. **TO REVIEW A FIT AND PROPER PERSON STATUS FOR A DUAL DRIVER LICENCE HOLDER**

The Chairman read the out the procedure to all attendees.

Considered – Report of the Licensing Team Leader.

The Licensing Team Leader presented his report.

The applicant had no questions for the Licensing Team Leader.

Members of the sub-committee had no questions for the Licensing Team Leader.

The applicant presented his case to the sub-committee.

Members of the sub-committee put questions to the applicant.

The Licensing Team Leader put no questions to the applicant.

There were no further questions from the Members to the applicant.

The sub-committee retired from the meeting at 17:49pm to consider their decision.

The sub-committee reconvened the meeting at 18:24.

The Chairman, Cllr. Roger Stead announced the decision.

DECISION

That in light of the evidence heard this evening, the Sub Committee consider that the license should be suspended for the period of 6 months.

In addition, the Sub Committee consider that the driver should be required to repeat the practical driving test, such test to be completed at the drivers own cost. The driver will be required to provide evidence that the test has been completed successfully to the Licensing Team Leader.

Reason:

Members consider that a warning is not a strong enough sanction in this instance, it is however felt that the sanction of complete revocation is too harsh. Members consider that a six month suspension, coupled with the requirement to complete the practical driving test at the driver's own cost are appropriate to reflect the serious nature of the offence committed and to reinforce the responsibilities required of a Private Hire Driver.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.26 P.M.