

PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 27th February, 2026.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillor P. Drake (Chair); Councillor J.M. Norman (Vice-Chair); Councillors G. Bruce, B. Dodd, V.P. Driscoll, R. Fisher, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, N.B. Marshallsea, M.J.G. Morgan and M.R. Wilkinson.

Also present: Councillor R.E. Godfrey.

682 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

683 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors L. Burnett, R. Sivagnanam and S.T. Wiliam.

684 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

685 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

686 APPLICATION TO WAIVE AGE POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE LICENSING OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (DEH) –

The report was presented by the Licensing Team Manager. The Public Protection Licensing Committee had adopted age policy guidelines which detailed how old vehicles could be when first licensed as a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle. This application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence fell outside the policy and therefore the Committee were asked to determine the application.

The Applicant advised that the vehicle had been in an accident in November, 2025, when another driver had hit the vehicle from behind and had fled the scene. The

Applicant advised that they had replaced the vehicle's rear bumper, but that there was no further significant damage, due to this accident. The Applicant advised that they had reported the accident to the council, which had resulted in the vehicle's license being suspended. On re-application for the vehicle's license, the vehicle fell outside of the 6-year policy.

In response to a query from the Licensing Team Manager, the Applicant confirmed that there had been a delay in relation to insurance for the vehicle, rather than delays with the repairs to the vehicle, when making the application.

There being no further queries, Committee subsequently:

RESOLVED – T H AT the age policy guidelines be waived and that the vehicle be presented for testing.

Reason for decision

Committee were content to allow the vehicle to be presented to the Alps Depot for testing, which would determine whether the vehicle was mechanically fit to be licensed.

687 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

688 DISCIPLINARY FOR CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

The report was presented by the Licensing Team Manager, in order for the Committee to determine whether an existing driver remained a fit and proper person to retain a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence.

The Committee discussed the circumstances around the disciplinary matter with the driver in question, who attended the meeting in person to give their verbal representations.

In private deliberations, it was subsequently:

RESOLVED – T H A T the Committee was satisfied that the Applicant remained a fit and proper person to retain a hackney carriage and private hire driver's license,

Reason for decision

Having regard to the information provided in the report and at the meeting.