

PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 17th March, 2026.

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

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

Present: Councillor P. Drake (Chair); Councillors G. Bruce, B. Dodd, C.P. Franks, E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy, N.B. Marshallsea, R. Sivagnanam, S.T. Wiliam and M.R. Wilkinson.

721 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”.

722 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors J.M. Norman (Vice-Chair) and L. Burnett.

723 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February, 2026 be approved as a correct record.

724 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

725 APPLICATION TO WAIVE AGE POLICY FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE (DEH) –

The report was presented by the Licensing Team Manager. The Applicant was present in the Chamber and gave representations regarding the circumstances around their application, and advised that they had already spent a significant amount of money on the vehicle.

The Licensing Team Manager confirmed that the Applicant had been advised by staff that their application to register as a Hackney Carriage should be straightforward, but that the age of the vehicle had not been checked in this regard, at that point. As the vehicle was slightly over the 6 year guideline, Committee were

asked to determine the outcome of an application to waive the age policy, before further testing of the vehicle could commence.

RESOLVED – T H A T the age policy guidelines for the vehicle be waived in this instance, and that the applicant be allowed to proceed with the application process, including safety testing.

Reason for decision

Committee were satisfied that the application for the vehicle should proceed in this instance, including testing at the Alps, where its safety and suitability would be assessed.