

Meeting of:	<b>Public Protection Licensing Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>Tuesday, 17 March 2026</b>
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Live Well Scrutiny Committee
Report Title:	Application to waive age policy guidelines for the licensing of a hackney carriage vehicle
Purpose of Report:	To determine an application for the grant of a vehicle which falls outside the current age policy guidelines approved by the Public Protection Committee
Report Owner:	Trevor Baker, Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Kirsty Evans, Licensing Team Manager
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	None
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Public Protection Licensing Committee
Executive Summary:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Public Protection Licensing Committee has adopted age policy guidelines which detail how old vehicles can be when first licensed as a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle. This application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence falls outside the policy and therefore the Committee are asked to determine the application.</li> </ul>	

## Recommendations

1. It is recommended that having regard to the report, the Age Policy Guidelines adopted by the Public Protection Licensing Committee and any representations made by the applicant, that the Committee determine the application

## Reasons for Recommendations

1. The application falls outside the Age Policy Guidelines for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence.

### 1. Background

- 1.1 It is the duty of the Local Authority to determine applications made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Town Police Clauses Act 1947. These applications are referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination because the application falls outside the policy guidelines.
- 1.2 The Age Policy Guidelines were approved by the Public Protection Licensing Committee on 2 July 2019 and detail that a vehicle must be under 6 years old at the time of first registration. Vehicles older than this can continue to be licensed provided a renewal application is submitted before the expiry of licence and vehicle testing at the Alps garage is successful (there must be no break in licence).

### 2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 On 4 March 2026, Mr. Samiuddin Shinwari submitted an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence.
- 2.2 Application details:

Make:	Skoda
Model:	Superb
Registration No:	KO19 WJC
Fuel Type:	Petrol
Date of First Registration:	July 2019
In accordance with the age policy the vehicle should be:	Under 6 years old
Age of vehicle at time of application:	6 years, 8 months old
Colour:	Black
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection:	MOT Test undertaken 2 December 2025 with milage shown as 115,247 miles on the certificate

Passengers:	4
Accessible Vehicle:	No

A copy of the application is detailed in **Appendix A**.

- 2.3 As the vehicle falls outside the age policy guidelines by being over 6 years old, the Committee is requested to determine the application.
- 2.4 This vehicle has been licensed as a private hire vehicle since 8 June 2021.
- 2.5 The applicant has purchased this private hire vehicle and would instead like to licence it as a hackney carriage vehicle. For this reason, a transfer application is not applicable, and a grant of a new hackney carriage vehicle licence is required.
- 2.6 The applicant has already had the vehicle sprayed and a meter installed.
- 2.7 Pictures of the vehicle have been provided and are detailed in **Appendix B**.
- 2.8 If members are minded to grant the application, the vehicle will proceed to testing at the Alps Garage. A licence would only be issued upon the completion of a successful test.

### **3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?**

- 3.1 This report has been screened for evidence of the Five Ways of Working and how it may contribute to our Well-being Objectives.
- 3.2 The proposals support the following well-being objective: Objective 2: Providing decent homes and safe communities.

### **4. Climate Change and Nature Implications**

- 4.1 None. This relates to a regulatory function.

### **5. Resources and Legal Considerations**

#### **Financial**

- 5.1 None.

#### **Employment**

**5.2** None.

**Legal (Including Equalities)**

**5.3** Section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states: -

- (1) A district council may attach to the grant of a licence of a hackney carriage under the Act of 1847 such conditions as the district council may consider reasonably necessary.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing subsection, a district council may require any hackney carriage licensed by them under the Act of 1847 to be of such design or appearance or bear such distinguishing marks as shall clearly identify it as a hackney carriage.
- (3) Any person aggrieved by any conditions attached to such a licence may appeal to a magistrates' court.

**6. Background Papers**

None.

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Appendix A

Are you applying for yourself or on behalf of a business? Person

**Business Contact Details**

**Title:**

**First Name:**

**Email:**

**Phone Number:**

**Business Details:**

**Business Name:**

**Business Address:**

**Your Contact Details**

**Name:** Samiuddin Shinwari

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Phone:**

**Mobile:** [REDACTED]

**Address:**

[REDACTED]

**What are you looking to do today?**

Apply for a new licence

**If renewing, provide your vehicle plate number:**

**Does your application relate to Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle?:** Hackney Carriage

**If Hackney, give name and address of person or company for whom you drive or intend to drive the licensed vehicle:**

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**If private, give name and address of The Private Hire Operator for whom you drive or intend to drive the licensed vehicle?**

**Vehicle Details**

**Registration Number:** KO19WJC

**Vehicle Make:** SKODA

**Vehicle Colour:** BLACK

**Year of Manufacture:** 2019

**Is the car taxed?** Untaxed

**Registration Number:** KO19WJC

**MOT expiry date:** 01/12/2026

**First Registered:** 2019-07

**Fuel Type:** PETROL

**Are the vehicle details provided correct?** Yes

**Is the vehicle subject of a current license in another authority?** No

**If so, which authority:**

**Is the vehicle wheelchair accessible?** No

**Do you have a wheelchair lift?** No

**Will the vehicle be used for Vale of Glamorgan school transport?** No

**Is there anyone else involved in the renting, keeping, employment or letting of this vehicle?** No

**If Yes, please fill in each individual's details:**

**Additional Comments:**

This vehicle is currently a private hire and I would like to use it as Hackney Carriage vehicle. I have already sprayed it white and fitted with a meter. Could you kindly book it for a test as Hackney Carriage Vehicle as soon as possible. I will send the new log book once i receive it. Thanks

**Payment Receipt:**

[Redacted Payment Receipt]

**Review**

[Redacted Review]

**Outcome:** Close Case

**Photographs of vehicle**











