

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Hybrid meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 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, L. Burnett, B. Dodd, V.P. Driscoll, R. Fisher, C.P. Franks,  
E. Goodjohn, W.A. Hennessy and M.R. Wilkinson.

### 801 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”.

### 802 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors N.B. Marshallsea, R. Sivagnanam and S.T. William.

### 803 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 be approved as a correct record.

### 804 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

### 805 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.

806 GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE (DEH) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

The report was presented by the Senior Licensing Officer. The Applicant attended the meeting and provided representations in support of their application. The Applicant was asked to elaborate on details contained in the report and in their application, and to provide information as to why they found that the Committee should depart from its adopted guidelines on determining the suitability of applicants for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver's licences.

Having fully considered the matter, Committee subsequently:

RESOLVED – T H A T having regard to the report, the Guidelines adopted by the Public Protection Licensing Committee and the representations made by the Applicant, Members determined that the Applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver's licence.

Reason for decision

Members found that there was insufficient information provided to them to constitute grounds for departing from the adopted guidelines on determining the suitability of applicants.