North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19th August, 2024 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillors Tim Grogan (Chair), Andrew Lee and Andy Paraskos.

Officers present: Paula Bellwood, Licensing Enforcement Officer, Jade Reynolds, Regulatory Solicitor and Sharon Cousins, Area Licensing Manager (observing)

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

1 Election of Chair

The decision:

That Councillor Tim Grogan be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

(Councillor Grogan in the Chair)

2 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Procedure for Meeting

The decision:

The Sub Committee agreed the procedure for the meeting as outlined by the Chair.

5 Application for the grant of a new Hackney Carriage Vehicle

The Corporate Director – Environment asked the Sub-Committee to consider whether to grant an application for a new hackney carriage vehicle licence that did not comply with the standard criteria as stated at paragraph 47 of North Yorkshire Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

The Sub-Committee could:

- i. Grant the application for a period of one year
- ii. Refuse the application

The Sub-Committee considered the written report and appendices, the verbal presentation from the Licensing Enforcement Officer, the applicant's representations, the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy and the relevant statutory guidance.

The vehicle had been closely inspected and alongside the Ministry of Transport (MOT) test certificate and the Council's vehicle inspection report, Members were satisfied that the vehicle was in excellent condition, and therefore the applicant had shown sufficient reason to justify a departure from the 10-year rule in the Council's general policy in this instance.

DECISION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

It was the unanimous decision of the Sub-Committee to **GRANT** the licence for a period of one year.

The meeting concluded at 10.35 am.