

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 31 October, 2024 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillors Joy Andrews, Tim Grogan and Andrew Lee.

Officers present: Fiona Casson, Nicki Lishman and Lisa Templeton.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

1 Election of Chair

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

Decision

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

5 Application for the renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence - PHV 275F

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

The Policy requires that vehicles be less than 10 years old but goes on to state that the licensing authority will consider each application on its merits and may allow exceptions to this policy.

The Sub-Committee could

- i. Grant the application

- ii. Grant the application including additional conditions; or
- iii. Reject the application.

The Sub-Committee considered the Corporate Director's report, the applicant's representations, the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and the relevant legislation.

The Sub-Committee had sight of:

- The Licensing Officer's report including appendices / attachments.
- The North Yorkshire Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy
- It also considered the oral evidence from the applicant.

The Sub-Committee reviewed copies of the latest MOT certificate and NYC Vehicle Inspection Report, the MOT history of the vehicle and previous two Inspection Certificates. The Sub-Committee noted matters of general upkeep of the vehicle.

The Sub-Committee was satisfied that the vehicle was fit for its purpose, safe and comfortable for its users and any members of the public.

The Sub-Committee made it clear to the applicant that they expected the vehicle to be fit for purpose and safe and expected the applicant to undertake any repairs noted as advisories on their MOT certificates and more generally to ensure that the vehicle was at all times presented in its best condition with any visible defects repaired.

Decision

That the Private Hire Vehicle License be granted with the continued condition that the vehicle be subject to manual inspection three times per year.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am.