

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 17 April 2025 commencing at 11.00 am.

Councillors Tim Grogan (Chair), Barbara Brodigan and Andrew Lee.

Officers present: Lynne Ashton, Senior Solicitor, Stephen Pinkney, Licensing Enforcement Officer), Sharon Cousins, Area Licensing Manager; and Nicola Kemp, Licensing Enforcement Officer - (Observing only)

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 Exclusion of the press and public

Decision

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business at minute no 6 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Panel was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

6 Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence

The Licensing Sub-Committee considered the report and appendices of the Corporate Director of Environment which asked Members to determine whether a licence holder was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

In making their decision, Members considered the content of the report and appendices, the verbal presentation by the Licensing Enforcement Officer on behalf of the licensing authority, a verbal presentation and written representation by the licence holder, the relevant legislation and case law, the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy and the statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards issued by the Department of Transport.

Decision

Members were unanimous in their decision that the licence holder was a fit and proper person within the meaning of sections 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, to hold a Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence, and therefore no further action need be taken.

However, Members wished to impress upon the licence holder the seriousness of their conduct and requested that the licence holder be issued with a written warning by the Licensing Authority which would be placed on their driving record for a period of twelve months from the date of the warning letter; and that the licence holder attend a speed awareness course within the next six months.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am.