

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 24 September 2025 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillors Joy Andrews, Tim Grogan and Andy Paraskos.

Officers present: Jane Graham - Democratic Services Officer, Sarah Owen - Regulatory Solicitor and Lisa Templeton – Licensing Enforcement Officer

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 items of business at minute numbers 6 and 7 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 Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence

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The Sub-Committee considered the following:

- The meeting papers, including a report from the Licensing Enforcement Officer and written submission from the licence holder
- Oral evidence from the Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the licence holder

Decision

The Sub-Committee determined:

- On the balance of probability, the licence holder was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a hackney carriage and private hire driver licence and it was not appropriate, reasonable, necessary or proportionate to revoke or suspend the hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
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- A written warning was issued, to remain on file for 12 months.

The meeting concluded at 11.03 am.