

# North Yorkshire Council

## General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 September 2025 commencing at 10.00 am.

Councillors Joy Andrews, Tim Grogan and Andrew Lee.

Officers present: Jane Graham, Democratic Services Officer, Gillian Mealor, Licensing Enforcement Officer, Sarah Owen, Solicitor and John Wardell, Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

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### **1 Election of Chair**

#### **Decision**

That Councillor Andrew Lee be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

(Councillor Lee in the Chair)

### **2 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **3 Disclosures of interest**

For the purpose of transparency Councillor Joy Andrews and Councillor Tim Grogan declared that they knew the licence holder of item 6 from a previous hearing.

### **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 002E**

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

The Sub-Committee considered the following:

- The meeting papers, including a report from the Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the applicant

- A physical inspection of vehicle 002E by the Sub-Committee

In reaching their decision the Sub-Committee gave the following factors significant weight:

- The age of the vehicle
- The vehicle's mileage
- The detail and chronology of the vehicle's mechanical inspections
- The applicant's evidence regards his ownership of and his mechanical maintenance of the vehicle, his professionalism and his conscientiousness
- The immaculate presentation of the vehicle
- The licensing authority's duties to encourage the provision of high quality and accessible private hire services
- The licensing authority's duties to ensure the safety of vehicle users and the general public by the operation of private hire services

### **Decision**

To **GRANT** the application to licence private hire vehicle number 002E for a period of twelve months with one additional condition that the vehicle be subject to a mechanical inspection three times per year.

## **6 Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence - HCV 003E**

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 the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

The Sub-Committee considered the following:

- The meeting papers, including a report from the Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the applicant and his representative
- A physical inspection of vehicle 003E by the Sub-Committee

In reaching their decision the Sub-Committee gave the following factors significant weight:

- The age of the vehicle
- The vehicle's mileage
- The detail and chronology of the vehicle's mechanical inspections
- The applicant's evidence regards his ownership of and his mechanical maintenance of the vehicle
- The immaculate cleanliness and presentation of the vehicle
- The licensing authority's duties to encourage the provision of high quality and accessible hackney carriage services
- The licensing authority's duties to ensure the safety of vehicle users and the general public by the operation of hackney carriage services

### **Decision**

To **GRANT** the application to licence hackney carriage vehicle number 003E for a period of twelve months with one additional condition that the vehicle be subject to a mechanical inspection three times per year.

## 7 Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence - HCV 080E

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 the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy.

The Sub-Committee considered the following:

- The meeting papers, including a report from the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Oral evidence from the applicant
- A physical inspection of vehicle 080E by the Sub-Committee

In reaching their decision the Sub-Committee gave the following factors significant weight:

- The age of the vehicle
- The detail and chronology of the vehicle's mechanical inspections
- The applicant's evidence regards his ownership of and his mechanical maintenance of the vehicle
- The licensing authority's duties to encourage the provision of high quality and accessible hackney carriage services
- The licensing authority's duties to ensure the safety of vehicle users and the general public by the operation of hackney carriage services
- No complaints recorded against the applicant.

The Sub-Committee gave the following factors some weight:

- The vehicle's mileage
- The vehicle's fuel type
- The applicant's evidence that another vehicle had recently caused damage to the vehicle and his assurances that repair works were scheduled to take place within the next two weeks
- The presentation of the vehicle

### Decision

To **GRANT** the application to licence hackney carriage vehicle number 080E for a period of twelve months with one additional condition that the vehicle be subject to a mechanical inspection three times per year.

The Sub-Committee issued a warning to the applicant to remain on file for twelve months that he ensures that he takes pre-emptive measures in relation to the maintenance of the vehicle rather than awaiting the results of mandatory testing.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.