

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 17 October 2025 commencing at 11.45 am.

Councillors Derek Bastiman, Tim Grogan and Andrew Lee.

Officers present: Chris Doyle, Licensing Enforcement Officer; Sarah Owen, Regulatory Solicitor; Steven Smith, Regulatory Solicitor; and David Smith, Senior Democratic Services Officer.

In attendance: The applicant.

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 Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence - 055D

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
- A physical inspection of vehicle 055D by the Sub-Committee.

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

- The vehicle had just passed a compliance test
- The vehicle was well presented both inside and outside, confirmed following a physical inspection of the vehicle
- The impressive detail and chronology of the vehicle's mechanical inspections;
- That the recent MOT history showed that the vehicle had not had any advisories recorded
- When questioned the Applicant confirmed the mileage of the vehicle as 207,600 miles and that he serviced and maintained the vehicle himself as he used to work as a mechanic

Decision

The decision of the sub-committee was to GRANT the application to licence hackney carriage vehicle number 055D for a period of twelve months, with one additional condition that the vehicle be subject to a mechanical inspection three times per year.

The meeting concluded at 1.30 pm.