

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 17 October 2025 commencing at 12.30 pm.

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 - 059D

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 059D by the Sub-Committee.

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

- To the fact that the vehicle was in immaculate condition following a physical inspection of the vehicle
- Answers to questions relating to the vehicle mileage and maintenance schedule and length of ownership. The Applicant confirmed the mileage as 289,000 miles. He maintained the vehicle himself on a regular basis and that he has owned the vehicle for eight years.
- The driver presented himself as a reputable businessman and the panel were impressed that he was trained as a mechanic in the army.
- The vehicle had passed all its recent MOTs with no advisories recorded

Decision

The decision of the sub-committee was to GRANT the application to licence hackney carriage vehicle number 059D 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 2.10 pm.