

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20 October 2025 commencing at 1.00 pm.

Councillors Kevin Foster, Tim Grogan and Andrew Lee.

In attendance: Mr Tony Lee, the applicant. .

Officers present: Sarah Owen, Regulatory Solicitor; Sue Icton, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Vicky Davies, Senior Democratic Services 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.

2 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3 Disclosures of interest

Councillor Foster knew the applicant but declared he had no pecuniary interest.

4 Procedure for meeting

The decision:

The Sub Committee agreed the procedure for the meeting as outlined by the Chair.

5 HC124D - Application for grant of Hackney carriage Vehicle Licence

The Corporate Director – Environment submitted a report asking the Sub-Committee to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence as the vehicle did not comply with the standard criteria as stated in the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy. The reason being that the vehicle was over 10 years of age since first registration. Such vehicles could be licensed at the discretion of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee.

The applicant attended in person before the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee considered the following:

- The meeting papers, including a report from the Licensing Enforcement Officer;
- Oral evidence from the Licensing and Enforcement Officer.
- Oral evidence from the applicant, Mr Tony Lee; and
- A physical inspection of vehicle 124D by the Sub-Committee.

Decision

The decision of the sub-committee was to **GRANT** the application to licence Hackney Carriage Vehicle number 124D 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 was persuaded by the applicant that an exception to paragraph 47 of the policy should be made for vehicle 124D.