

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13 November 2025 commencing at 10.30 am.

Councillors Derek Bastiman, Tim Grogan and Andrew Lee.

Officers present: Ms Victoria Waudby (Solicitor); Ms Sue Icton (Licensing Enforcement Officer); and Mr Stephen Loach (Principal Democratic Services Officer) .

Also in attendance: the applicant.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

1 Election of Chair

Decision

That Councillor Derek Bastiman be elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3 Disclosures of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Procedure for meeting

The decision:

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

5 HC313B – Application for renewal of Hackney carriage Vehicle Licence

Members considered the following:

- (i) Written report including appendices and verbal presentation of the Licensing Officer.
- (ii) Inspection of the vehicle – plate number HC313B.
- (iii) Verbal presentation of the applicant.

The panel also had regard to the North Yorkshire Council Taxi Licensing Policy and the relevant statutory guidance.

The Licensing Officer and the applicant made presentations to the Sub-Committee, together with the applicant's employer. Cross questioning was undertaken following the presentations.

Resolved –

That, having closely inspected the vehicle and considered the report alongside copies of its recent MOTs and vehicle inspections, Members considered that:

- i) The vehicle was in good condition and has been well maintained.
- ii) The operator had presented himself as a professional operator.
- iii) The absence of complaints relating to the vehicle; and
- iv) The absence of complaints relating to the applicant.

Members were, therefore, satisfied that the applicant had shown sufficient reason to justify a departure from the Council's general policy in this instance, and the hackney carriage vehicle licence for plate number HC313B be renewed for the period of one year.