

North Yorkshire Council

General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 29 April 2026 commencing at 10.30 am.

Councillors Tim Grogan, Roberta Swiers and Greg White.

Officers present: Jane Graham - Democratic Services Officer, John Wardell - Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer and Victoria Waudby – Senior Solicitor.

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 Exclusion of the press and public

Decision

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business at minute no 6 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Panel was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

6 Review of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence

The Corporate Director – Environment asked the sub-committee to consider whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.

Options available to the sub-committee

- i. The Sub-Committee may conclude that the driver is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in which case, it should revoke the licence on the grounds of any reasonable cause.
- ii. The Sub-Committee may conclude that the appropriate sanction should be something less than complete revocation. For instance, a suspension may, in the opinion of the Sub-Committee, constitute sufficient sanction to best serve the interests of the public. The Sub-Committee may therefore suspend the licence for a specified period of time on the grounds of any reasonable cause.
- iii. The Sub-Committee may conclude that an informal reprimand would constitute sufficient sanction to best serve the interests of the public. The Sub-Committee may therefore decide to issue a written warning.
- iv. The Sub-Committee may conclude that there is no evidence of any wrongdoing, in which case, it may decide to take no action.

Decision

The applicant was no longer a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence, and it was in the interests of public safety to revoke the licence with immediate effect.

The meeting concluded at 11.44 am.