

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT
BY TEAMS ON MONDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2023**

PRESENT

County Councillors T Colbert, G D Jones and D H Williams [Chair for item 2]

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| 1. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS |
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RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paragraphs 12 and 18 of Schedule 12a Part 7 of the above Act in respect of the following item[s].

Due to the availability of the applicant for a new drivers licence the application for the vehicle licence was taken first.

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| 2. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE |
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2.1. Introductions and Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

2.2. Application for Private Hire Vehicle Licence - VL/01/23

Applicant – VL/01/23

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. The Sub-Committee noted that the Council policy stated that a maximum age of 12 years had been agreed for vehicles the subject of an existing licence. Applications for licences for vehicles over this age would be considered by a sub-committee. In addition to MOTs, the Licensing Officer advised that the vehicle had been inspected by the Council's mechanic. The inspection by the Council's mechanic had been at the applicant's expense. There were no questions to the Licensing Officer from the Sub-committee members or the applicant.

The applicant explained how the vehicle was used and that the vehicle had three MOTs a year and was also inspected by a Council' mechanic each year, at his expense. The Sub-Committee noted the good condition and low mileage of the vehicle.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

| Resolved | Reason for decision |
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| That the application for a private hire vehicle licence for VL/01/23 be approved for a year. | The vehicle was well maintained, had low mileage and was in a good condition. |

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that she would confirm the decision in writing. The Chair thanked the applicant for attending the meeting.

County Councillor G Jones chaired the next application.

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| 3. | APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE |
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3.1. Introductions and Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair introduced the Sub-Committee and its Clerk and also advised that the public and press had been excluded from the meeting.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee explained the procedures to be followed by the Sub-Committee.

3.2. Application for a licence - JD/06/23

Applicant – JD/06/23

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. There were no questions to the Licensing Officer from the Sub-Committee members or the applicant.

The applicant explained the circumstances around his police caution. He advised that he had previously held taxi licences and during this period had no dealings with the police and had not been reported to the Licencing Authority. In response to questions from the Sub-committee he explained how he would deal with situations with customers. The Licensing Officer confirmed that the applicant had previously held licences and he had never been before a Sub-Committee

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Sub-Committee withdrew to consider, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

On their return the Chair announced their decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations. The Chair advised that the licence would be granted but if JD/06/23 received a further caution a sub-committee may look at this differently.

| RESOLVED | Reason for decision |
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| That JD/06/23 be granted a licence. | That JD/06/23 is a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in line with the Council's adopted suitability criteria. |

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that she would confirm the decision in writing.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillors H Williams and G D Jones
Chairs