

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT
ON WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT

County Councillor A Jones (Chair)

County Councillors D Edwards and G Pugh

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].

2.	APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
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2.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Chair, Sub-Committee members, officers and applicant introduced themselves.

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

2.2. Application for a licence

Applicant – VL/01/24

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. He advised that In December 2018 the authority updated its vehicle licence conditions and introduced a maximum age for licensed vehicles with the aim to raise the standard of the licensed fleet. A licence for any vehicle older than 12 years old is considered by a taxi licensing sub-committee and only licenced in exceptional circumstances. He advised, as required by the policy, that the vehicle had been inspected by an inspector approved by the Licensing Authority and had passed an MOT test. The vehicle had passed the inspection and is in a good roadworthy condition.

The applicant explained how the vehicle was used and referred to the letters of support received from the local member and people who had used the service provided by the applicant. It was noted that 7000 miles had been added over the last 12 months. In response to a comment made by the applicant the Licensing Officer advised that another authority had licenced the vehicle for 18 months. However, that authority still required that the vehicle undergo annual inspections by an approved inspector and that if it failed an inspection the licence would be reviewed.

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
That the licence for V/01/24 be renewed for 12 months subject to two MOTs and an annual inspection by an inspector approved by the Licensing Authority being undertaken.	Due to the exceptional condition of the vehicle, the low annual mileage and especially the selective nature of the use of the vehicle in the business.

V/01/24 was advised that the decision would follow in writing with details of their right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor A Jones (Chair)