

LICENSING COMMITTEE

1.00 P.M.

13TH MARCH 2025

PRESENT:- Councillors Paul Tynan (Chair), Louise Belcher, Gerry Blaikie, Martin Bottoms, Claire Cozler, Maria Deery, John Hanson and Sally Maddocks

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Margaret Pattison (Vice-Chair)

Officers in attendance:

Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Daniel Spencer	Lawyer
David Eglin	Licensing Officer (minutes 41-45)
Sarah Jones	Licensing Officer (minutes 41-47)
Sarah Moorhen	Democratic Support Officer

41 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2025 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

42 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

With the agreement of the Committee the Chair amended the order of the agenda to take item 8 – Determination of a renewal application of a dual driver's licence (Hackney Carriage/Private) and Item 9 – Decision taken in respect of a Dual Drivers Licence, first.

44 EXEMPT ITEM

It was moved by Councillor Maddocks, seconded by Councillor Blaikie and unanimously agreed:

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined, in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

45 DETERMINATION OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION OF A DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE (HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE)

The Committee received the report of the Licensing Officer for the purpose of determining a dual driver's licence (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) renewal application. Details of the individual case and the Chair's summary of the decision are set out in Exempt Minute No.45 in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Decision of the Committee:

The decision of the Committee is set out in Exempt Minute No 45.

46 DECISION TAKEN IN RESPECT OF A REVIEW OF A DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE

The Licensing Manager presented a report which notified the Committee of an urgent decision taken by the Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair of Licensing Committee in respect of a dual driver's licence.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

The press and public were readmitted to the meeting at this point.

47 ANNUAL REPORT - LICENSING SERVICE

The Licensing Officer presented the annual report to members of Licensing Committee on private hire/hackney carriage related matters, including volume of applications, complaints, and enforcement activity.

Members asked a number of questions in relation to driver numbers and accessible vehicles.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

48 PROPOSED LICENSING WORK PLAN 2025

The Licensing Manager presented a report which sought the approval of the proposed Licensing Work Plan for 2025.

The proposed Work Plan was appended to the report for the Committee's consideration.

Members asked a number of questions in relation to selling cars on the street and street trading/peddling. With regard to street trading the Licensing Manager advised that this had been flagged up as an issue but that it was a massive piece of work which would involve looking at the City Council's policies.

Councillor Maddocks, Cabinet Members with responsibility for Corporate Services advised the Committee that the Street Trading Policy was a City Council priority and that she would raise the issue with Cabinet.

It was moved by Councillor Hanson, seconded by Councillor Deery and unanimously agreed:

Resolved:

That the Licensing Work Plan for 2025 be approved.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 2.05 p.m.)

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