

LICENSING COMMITTEE

1.00 P.M.

13TH NOVEMBER 2025

PRESENT:- Councillors Sally Maddocks (Vice-Chair), Gerry Blaikie, Martin Bottoms, Maria Deery, Martin Gawith, John Hanson and Margaret Pattison

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Paul Tynan (Chair) and Louise Belcher

Officers in attendance:

Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Tom Mitchell	Civil Lawyer
Sarah Jones	Senior Licensing Officer
Matthew Richardson	Licensing Enforcement Officer
Sarah Moorghen	Democratic Support Officer

27 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th September 2025 were signed by the Vice-Chair as a correct record.

The Committee wished to express their thanks to David Eglin, on his retirement, for 36 years of service to the City Council.

28 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Maria Deery declared an other interest in item 6 – Existing Dual Drivers Licence Holder due to one of the incidences involving a University Student and the University being within her ward.

30 EXEMPT ITEM

It was moved by Councillor John Hanson, seconded by Councillor Martin Bottoms 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.

31 EXISTING DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE HOLDER (PAGES 4 - 6)

The Committee received the report of the Senior Licensing Officer for the purpose of determining action on a dual driver's licence (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire). Details of the individual case and the Chair's summary of the decision are set out in Exempt Minute No.31 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 31.

32 URGENT DECISION 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.

33 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AREA DEMAND SURVEY

The Licensing Manager presented a report which updated members on the proposed Hackney Carriage Area Demand Survey 2025/26.

The Committee was advised that it had been generally accepted that such a survey should be completed every 3 years. Since providing the report it had come to light that guidance had changed and it was now every 5 years. It was therefore within the power of the Committee to continue with the survey now or defer for 2 years to fall in line with the updated guidelines.

It was proposed by Councillor Sally Maddocks, seconded by Councillor Gerry Blaikie and unanimously agreed:

Resolved:

That in line with best practice the Hackney Carriage Area Demand Survey be deferred for 2 years.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 1.50 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes, please contact
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By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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