

Regulation Committee

10.00 am, 12 July 2024

Present at the meeting

Councillor K Anderson (Chairman)	Councillor J Harding
Councillor A Bullen	Councillor D Hurst
Councillor G Davies	Councillor T Mugan
Councillor V Galligan	Councillor C L Roberts

21 Apologies for Absence:

Councillors Blay, Crosby, Talbot, Vickers and Wittingham.

22 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

23 Exclusion of the public:

Resolved: The public is excluded from the meeting when the Committee discusses the following items for the reasons set out below:

Agenda Item No.	Title of Report	Minute No.	Description of Exempt Information by reference to Paragraph Number in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
E1	Suitability to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence	25	1 (Information relating to any individual)

24 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing - Proposed Policy Amendments

The Committee considered a report of the Director – Environment, Paul Barton, presented by the Licensing Manager, Joanne Brockley, which detailed the proposed changes to the Licensing Policy for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing.

The Committee were informed of requested changes in relation to the following:

- Emissions Standard;
- Vehicle Colour;
- Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles;
- Age of Vehicles;
- Written Off Vehicles; and
- Imported Vehicles.

Resolved: The Committee:-

- (1) thanks the officers for their report; and
- (2) approves the proposals as outlined within the report.

25 Suitability to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licence

Prior to the consideration of the item, a representative of the licence holder attended the meeting and requested on the licence holders' behalf, that the matter be adjourned and considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

Following an adjournment to discuss the representative's request, the Committee resolved to proceed and consider the matter in the licence holders' absence, to ensure the appropriate promotion of the public safety.

The Committee considered a report of the Director – Environment, presented by the Licensing Enforcement Officer, Lyndsey Gallagher, and Licensing Manager, Joanne Brockley, which detailed an investigation against an individual who was the holder of Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage Driver and Hackney Carriage Vehicle licences.

The Committee were informed that following information received from Lancashire Police and South Yorkshire Police, Licensing Officers had undertaken investigations in relation to incidents involving the licence holder.

In reaching its decision, the Committee took into account all evidence, the circumstances surrounding the incident and the relevant guidelines.

Resolved: The Committee:-

- (1) revokes the individual's Hackney Carriage (HD0054) and Private Hire Drivers (PD3174) licences;
- (2) revokes the Hackney Carriage Vehicle licences to which the individual is the main proprietor (references HV0002, HV007, HV0031, HV0054); and
- (3) removes the individual as an additional proprietor on Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence (HV0006).

as it does not consider the individual to be a fit and proper person to hold such licences.

Chairman

The meeting concluded at 11.05 am