

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT  
BY TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022**

PRESENT

County Councillor D R Price (Chair)

County Councillors L V Corfield, H Lewis and K Lewis

<b>1.</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS</b>
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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].

<b>2.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE</b>
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2.1. Sub-Committee's 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. Review of a licence - JD/03/2022

Licence holder – JD/03/2022 and family member

Mr R Bowen, Police Licensing Officer

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. In response to questions from a councillor the Senior Licensing Officer advised that the Sub-Committee had two courses of action, namely to lift the suspension and reinstate the licence or to revoke the licence. The Senior Licensing Officer advised in response to a question that there were no licensing rules regarding entering a customer's home, however a licence holder should always act in a professional way at all times. The Sub-Committee was advised that if it was minded to revoke the license, JD/03/2022 could reapply for a licence at any time but a Sub-Committee would be required to consider the application. There were no questions from JD/03/2022 or the Police Licensing Officer.

The Police Licensing Officer read his report. He referred to JD/03/2022's response to the allegations when interviewed and advised that he did not consider that he was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence. In response to questions from a councillor the Police Licensing Officer advised that the allegations had not been rescinded or withdrawn. As a result, the case could be re-opened for investigation. JD/03/2022 had no questions.

JD/03/2022 addressed the Sub-Committee and apologised for his actions. He stated that he had been a taxi driver for five years and that this was his first

mistake. In response to a question from a councillor he advised that he thought he was a fit and proper person and that he hoped he could be given a chance to prove himself.

In summing up the Senior Licensing Officer advised the Sub-Committee should only consider whether JD/03/2022 was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence. The Sub-Committee could either lift the suspension and reinstate the licence or to revoke the licence. The Police Licensing Officer reminded the Sub-Committee of JD/03/2022's response to the allegations and advised that the Sub-Committee had to consider whether he was a fit and proper person to hold a taxi licence. JD/03/2022 advised that he had made a mistake and hoped the Sub-Committee could reinstate his licence.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that JD/03/2022, Senior Licensing Officer and Police Licensing Officer would leave the meeting, to allow the Sub-Committee to consider, in private, the report and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk. The Senior Licensing Officer would then be advised of the Sub-Committee's decision and she would ring JD/03/2022 with the decision.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>That the licence held by JD/03/2022 be revoked.</b>	<b>The licence holder is not considered to be a 'fit and proper' (safe and suitable) person to hold a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence.</b>

**County Councillor D R Price (Chair)**