

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD BY
TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2020**

PRESENT

County Councillor D H Williams [Chair]

County Councillors D R Jones and F H Jump

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 items.

2.	APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE
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2.1. Sub-Committee 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. Application for a licence - HC/01/2020

Applicant – HC/01/2020

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position. The Sub-Committee noted that the Council had introduced a policy in respect of the maximum age of 12 years for licensed vehicles, with the aim to raise the standard of the licensed fleet. The Sub-Committee noted the details of the application as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes]. The Sub-Committee was being asked to consider whether there were exceptional circumstances to approve the renewal of the vehicle licence against policy.

The applicant presented his case. The Sub-Committee received supporting information and also viewed a video of the vehicle. In addition, the Sub-Committee were able to question the mechanic responsible for maintaining the vehicle. The applicant advised that he was willing to MOT the vehicle every four months instead of every six months.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations. The Licensing Officer and applicant left the meeting. The Sub-Committee went into private session to consider the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk. The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that if the Sub-Committee was minded to approve the licence, this would not set a precedent. He advised that any future applications for this vehicle or any other vehicle would be considered on their own merits.

The Licensing Officer and applicant returned to the meeting and the Clerk to the Sub-Committee announced the decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
That the vehicle license for the vehicle owned by HC/01/2020 be approved for 12 months, subject to MOTs being undertaken every four months.	That although the vehicle owned by HC/01/2020 was older than the maximum vehicle age policy the licence was approved due to the exceptional condition of the vehicle.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing.

The Chair thanked the applicant for attending.

3.	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].

4.	APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
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4.1. Sub-Committee 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.

4.2. Application for a licence - JD/02/2020

Applicant – JD/02/2020

The Licensing Officer presented the licensing authority's position as outlined in the report [copy filed with the signed minutes].

The applicant explained the circumstances around his application. In response to questions the applicant apologised for not notifying the licensing authority of the offences when they occurred, as required under licensing rules. He also responded to questions from the Sub-Committee about his convictions for traffic offences.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations.

The Licensing Officer and applicant left the meeting and it was agreed that an officer would contact the applicant regarding the Sub-Committee's decision, as the applicant was not able to return to the meeting to hear the decision.

The Sub-Committee went into private session to consider the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk.

The Licensing Officer returned to the meeting and the Clerk to the Sub-Committee announced the decision. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
That the application for a driver's licence for JD/02/2020 be refused.	That the applicant was not considered a fit and proper person to hold a licence as he had been convicted of a number of traffic offences and had not notified the licensing authority of his convictions or of his disqualification immediately.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and this would contain details of the right to appeal.

The Chair thanked all for attending.

County Councillor D H Williams [Chair]