

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TAXI LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD AT
BY TEAMS ON FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2022**

PRESENT

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)

County Councillors L George and D Selby

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors

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 item[s].

2.	APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
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2.1. Sub-Committee procedures

The Licensing Officer advised that since the report was published JD/01/2022 had been disqualified from driving. As a result, the application for a joint hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence could not be considered.

2.2. Application for a licence - JD/01/2022

3.	APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE
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3.1. 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.

3.2. Application for a licence - JD/02/2022

Applicant – JD/02/2022

Rod Bowen, Police Licensing Officer

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

The applicant explained that he had attended an online driving speed awareness course but due to internet problems had not been able to complete the course. He attended the online course a second time, but again could not complete this due to internet problems. As a result, he received points on his licence for not satisfactorily completing the course. He advised that on one occasion he was not driving a taxi when he received points for speeding. On another occasion he advised he could not identify who was driving the taxi. He asked the police for photographic evidence, but the identity of the driver could not be made and therefore he admitted to the offence as he was the taxi operator.

The Police Licensing Officer advised JD/02/22 had asked for the photographic evidence and as the driver could not be identified JD/02/22 declared he was the driver. He advised that as JD/02/22 had not completed the speed awareness course to a satisfactory standard, penalty points were added to his licence.

All parties confirmed that they had been able to make their representations. The Chair advised that the sub-committee would consider the application and an officer would contact the applicant with its decision. The Chair thanked all for attending. The applicant, Police Licensing Officer and Senior Licensing Officer left the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered, in private, the application and the evidence they had heard, with the support of the Clerk. In reaching the decision members took into account the relevant written and verbal representations.

RESOLVED	Reason for decision
That the current joint hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence held by JD/02/22 be revoked and a new licence would not be granted until JD/02/22 had successfully completed a suitable advanced driving course.	To ensure that only a 'fit and proper' / 'safe and suitable' person holds a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence. The overriding consideration must be the safety and protection of the public.

The Clerk to the Sub-Committee advised that he would confirm the decision in writing and reminded parties of their right to appeal.

County Councillor K Lewis (Chair)