



A meeting of the **LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE** will be held in **CONINGSBY AND BOURN, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2026** at **1:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

AGENDA

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve as a correct the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2025.

Contact Officer: Democratic Services - (01480) 388169

2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

To receive from Members, declarations as to disclosable pecuniary other registerable and non-registerable interests in relation to any Agenda Item. See Notes below.

Contact Officer: Democratic Services - (01480) 388169

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve –

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to individuals and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

4. LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE (Pages 7 - 8)

5. NEW APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE (Pages 9 - 26)

To consider a report by the Licensing Team.

Contact Officer: Licensing - (01480) 387075

3 day of February 2026

Michelle Sacks

Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests.

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Agenda Item 1

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Monday, 3 November 2025

PRESENT: Councillor M L Beuttell – Chair.

Councillors B S Banks and P A Jordan.

APOLOGIES: None.

13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 29th September 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to individuals and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

16 LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee's Procedure was received and noted.

17 REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

With the assistance of a report by the Head of Community (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered the case of Mr NR, which had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration.

Copies of documents relating to the suitability of a vehicle to be used as a Private Hire Vehicle and to the operation of a Private Hire Operator were provided to the Sub-Committee and Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of the case.

Mr NR was not present and was not represented at the hearing, but he had confirmed he was content for the hearing to proceed in his absence. Having satisfied themselves as to the validity of the communication from Mr NR, the

Sub-Committee decided to proceed with the hearing. Mr NR's comments on the case were reported to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the case, the information within the report, together with the submission made by Mr NR. The Sub-Committee took into account legislative and policy provisions, the District Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, the District Council's Schedule of Conditions of Licences, the Department for Transport Licence Guidance, the Institute of Licensing Guidance on Suitability and advice from their legal representative. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

that Dual Private Hire Driver's Licence D283 be revoked with immediate effect and that Private Hire Operator's Licence O183 be revoked with immediate effect for the following reasons:

- a) Mr NR is an experienced Dual Private Hire Vehicle Driver and Operator. He has held licences issued by Huntingdonshire District Council for several years.
- b) Mr NR presented his vehicle for inspection on 20 August 2025 at which time a significant defect was discovered and Mr NR's vehicle licence suspended.
- c) Mr NR's Private Hire Vehicle Licence expired on 25 August 2025.
- d) Despite this, Mr NR continued to undertake a significant number paid Private Hire Vehicle trips as disclosed by his booking records. When challenged about this, Mr NR denied fulfilling the bookings, but was unable to produce evidence that the bookings were subcontracted to safe vehicles. The Sub-Committee was satisfied that Mr NR could not produce that evidence because Mr NR had fulfilled those bookings himself in a vehicle that was not fit for purpose.
- e) The Sub-Committee were concerned that any trip during the time was, effectively, uninsured in addition to being in an unsafe vehicle.
- f) Furthermore, it came to light that Mr NR had failed to disclose speeding convictions to the Council as required.
- g) Mr NR explained these matters as lapses of judgment. This was not accepted as sufficient by the Committee.
- h) The Sub-Committee considered that the primary duty of the Council in relation to Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing is the safety of the public.
- i) The Sub-Committee felt that Mr NR's actions had placed the safety of the public in jeopardy and that, in all the circumstances, he is not a fit and proper person to hold either a Private Hire Driver's or Private Hire Operator's Licence.

Chair

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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The following proceedings apply to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committees established by the Licensing and Protection Committee of Huntingdonshire District Council.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee shall consist of four Members appointed from the Licensing and Protection Committee. In the event of the Chair of the Licensing and Protection Committee not being present, the Sub-Committee shall elect a Chair from amongst its members for the purpose of that meeting.
- 2.2 The quorum for meetings of a Sub-Committee shall be three members but a Sub-Committee shall always try to ensure that four members are present.
- 2.3 Members should endeavour to be present throughout the entire meeting. If a member is required to leave temporarily, the Chair shall adjourn the meeting whilst that member is unavailable. If a member is absent whilst that meeting is taking place, for any reason, they will not be able to take part in the matter under discussion on their arrival / return and can not vote on that matter.
- 2.4 A member will not take part in a meeting at which a matter is being discussed which relates to an application / case where either the applicant / licence holder is resident in or the premises is situated in the ward which s/he represents.

3 NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- 3.1 When the date of a Sub-Committee is arranged, notice shall be given to all parties.
- 3.2 The notice of the meeting shall be followed with a copy of the meeting agenda, 5 working days prior to the meeting.

4 THE MEETING

- 4.1 The Sub-Committee may exclude the public from all or part of a meeting where it considers the public interest in so doing outweighs the public interest in the meeting or that part of the meeting taking place in public. The Sub-Committee will normally resolve to exclude the public from that part of the meeting during which it determines the matter.

- 4.2 Subject to the above, a party may attend the meeting and may be assisted or represented by any person whether or not that person is legally qualified.
- 4.3 At the start of the meeting, the Chair will introduce the members of the Sub-Committee and any officers in attendance and shall ask the parties and any persons accompanying them to state their names and addresses or who they represent.
- 4.4 The Chair will explain to those present that the meeting is subject to this procedure, copies of which will have been distributed to the parties with the agenda for the meeting and shall ask if there are any questions of clarification or explanation about its contents.
- 4.5 The Licensing Officer will then present the application / case for consideration.
- 4.6 The Chair will then invite the applicant / licence Holder, or his representative to address the Sub-Committee on his application / case and to respond to any points upon which clarification is required. S/he may also call any person(s) to whom permission has been granted to appear in support of his/her application or case.
- 4.7 The applicant / licence holder, his representative or any person called on their behalf may be asked any questions upon their presentation by any Member of the Sub-Committee or by an officer of the Council.
- 4.8 The party or his representative or any of his witnesses may be asked any questions upon their presentation by any member of the Sub-Committee or by the applicant or his representative or any of the other parties present at the hearing or their representatives.
- 4.9 After the applicant / licence holder or his representative has addressed the Sub-Committee and after comments and questions have been invited, they will be invited to leave the meeting and await the decision of the Sub-Committee. An Officer from Legal Services will remain with the Sub-Committee to provide legal advice only.

5 Determination of Applications / Cases

- 5.1 At the conclusion of the meeting, the Sub-Committee will determine the application / case as soon as practicable after the meeting has concluded.
- 5.2 The Licensing Authority will notify the applicant / licence Holder and parties of its decision as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 5

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