

**Public
Key Decision - No**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title: Suspension & Revocation of Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licences.

Meeting/Date: Licensing and Protection Committee – 16 October 2024

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance – Councillor SW Ferguson

Report by: Licensing Manager – Michelle Bishop

Ward(s) affected: All.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Community Services & Licensing Manager has delegated authority to refuse, suspend or revoke Private Hire and Hackney Carriage driver and vehicle licences under the powers delegated by the Licensing and Protection Committee.

Below is a summary of the actions that have taken place over the last 4 months.

2. REPORT

2.1 01.05.2024 to 30.09.2024

Date	Licence type	Decision	Reason	Comments
10.05.2024	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident	
23.05.2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Refusal - Renewal	Out of Area HCV	
06.06.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous defects - following complaint	
16.07.2024	Private Hire Driver	Suspended	No DBS	

12.08.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Failed at approved garage due to dangerous defects	
14.08.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Suspended	Accident	
15.08.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Failed at approved garage due to dangerous defects	
29.08.2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Failed at approved garage due to dangerous defects	
02.09.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident	
02.09.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	No Insurance	
09.09.2024	Hackney Carriage Driver	Immediate Suspension	Incorrect Insurance	
09.09.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Failed at approved garage due to dangerous defects	
17.09.2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident	

3. PENALTY POINTS ISSUED

- 3.1 As per the updated Taxi policy in May 2024, we can now issue Penalty Points as a way of disposing with incidents but still allows us to build a picture of driver behaviour.

Below is a summary of what has been issues from May – September 2024

Date	Licence Type	Points Issued	Reason
02/07/2024	Dual Driver	6	Failing to declare x2 motoring convictions (SP30 and SP50)
04/09/2024	Dual Driver	6	Insurance incidents
26/09/2024	Private Hire Vehicle	3	Fail to return plate within 7 days

4. MATTERS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

- 4.1 We currently have no outstanding licensing decisions that are awaiting a court date.

Date of original HDC decision	Licence type	Result
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January 2025	New Driver - Refused	
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5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Members are requested to note and consider the above information.

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