

**Public
Key Decision - No**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Meeting/Date: Licensing and Protection Committee – 19 March 2025 –

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

Report by: Licensing Manager – Michelle Bishop

Ward(s) affected: All.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Public Protection Manager & Licensing Manager have 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 6 months.

2. REPORT

2.1 01.10.2024 to 31.12.2024

Date	Licence type	Decision	Reason	Comments
Oct 2024	Hackney Carriage vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous defects - test failure	
Oct 2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Refusal - New	Does not meet Euro 6	
Oct 2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident Damage	
Oct 2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous defects - test failure	Picked up on compliance test

Oct 2024	Driver	Immediate Suspension	Overdue annual medical/ unable to contact	
Oct 2024	Driver	Refusal	Convictions	
Oct 2024	Private Hire Operator	Suspension	Unable to contact - fail to provide information	
Oct 2024	Driver	Refusal – Licensing Committee	Late renewal - Fit & Proper	
Oct 2024	Driver	Revocation – Licensing Committee	Fit & Proper	
Nov 2024	Private Hire Vehicle	Refusal	Category S – Not permitted in our policy	
Nov 2024	Driver	Immediate Suspension	DBS not on Update, unable to do 6-month check, unable to contact driver	
Nov 2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	No Insurance	
Nov 2024	Driver	Immediate Suspension	Road traffic incident	
Nov 2024	Private Hire vehicle	Revocation	Failure to repair in 60 days	
Nov 2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Refusal to Renew	Intended Use - Out of Area	
Dec 2024	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	RTC	
Dec 2024	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident Damage	
Dec 2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident Damage	
Dec 2024	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Damage due to incident	
Dec 2024	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident Damage	
Dec 2024	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	6 month test failure - dangerous defects	

Period Summary

Drivers	6
Vehicles	14
Operators	1

2.2 01.01.2025 – 01.03.2025

Date	Licence type	Decision	Reason	Comments
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous defects -test failure	
Jan 2025	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Major Defect-6-month test failure	
Jan 2025	Private Hire Operator	Revocation	Breach of Conditions	
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Revocation	Breach of Conditions	
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Refusal	Breach of Conditions	
Jan 2025	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Major Defects - test failure	
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Major Defects - test failure	
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	M & D Defects found on pre inspection assessment	
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous Defects	
Jan 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident Damage	
Jan 2025	Hackney Carriage Vehicle	Refusal	Breach of Conditions	
Feb 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Accident Damage	
Feb 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Major Defects	
Feb 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Major Defects	
Feb 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous Defects	
Feb 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Dangerous Defects	

Feb 2025	Private Hire vehicle	Immediate Suspension	Major Defects - test failure	
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Period Summary

Drivers	0
Vehicles	16
Operators	1

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
10 October 2024	HCV	6	Using a vehicle with defective Taxi Meter
10 October 2024	Operator	30	Using a vehicle with defective Taxi Meter, Using a vehicle with dangerous defects
10 October 2024	Dual Driver	24	Using a vehicle with dangerous defects
08 November 2024	Dual Driver	3	Failure to declare SP30
14 November 2024	Dual Driver	6	Mobile phone use
04 December 2024	Dual Driver	3	Failure to declare SP30
04 December 2024	Dual Driver	3	Failure to declare SP30
06 December 2024	PHV	6	Failure to notify damage & presenting unclean vehicle at test
06 December 2024	PHO	3	Operating a vehicle in a dirty condition
11 December 2024	Dual Driver	3	Failure to declare SP30
17 December 2024	Dual Driver	9	Driving incident
19 December 2024	V	3	Failure to return plate after Sec 68

19 Feb 2025	PHD	3	Failure to declare SP30
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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
January 2025	New Driver - Refused	Full hearing listed for May 2025

5. RECOMMENDATION

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

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