

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE held in CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Thursday, 8 May 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor S W Ferguson – Chair.
Councillors B S Banks and J Clarke .

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Goodwill.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22nd October 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. MEMBERS INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

3. 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.

4. LICENSING AND PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

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

5. CONVICTIONS GUIDANCE

The Council's Guidelines relating to the relevance and treatment of convictions was received and noted.

6. REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE, A DUAL DRIVER LICENCE AND A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE

(Mr G Goodwill in attendance from 10.10am until 11:11am, a translator was also in attendance for this period)

With the assistance of a report by the Licensing Team (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered a review for Mr RK whose case had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for

consideration. In conjunction with this, Members were also asked to review Mr RK's fit and proper status to retain a hackney carriage licence, a dual driver's licence and a private hire operators licence.

Copies of relevant documentation in relation to the applicant's revoked private hire driver license with a neighbouring authority along with video evidence to support a complaint from a member of the public were provided to the Sub-Committee and Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this review following a presentation by the Licensing Officer.

Mr RK was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee and Mr GG made representation on his behalf, in doing so took the opportunity to explain further information in relation to his character and the incident which was shown in the video evidence.

Following questions from Members Mr RK then left the meeting to enable Members to make their determination.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the application, the information within the committee report, the complaint received and supporting video evidence together with the submission made by the applicant and his representative. The Sub-Committee also took into account the District Council's guidelines relating to the Relevance and Treatment of Convictions, the District Council's Schedule of Conditions of licence, the legislative and policy provisions, statutory guidance and advice from their legal representative.

Whereupon, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

that the hackney carriage licence, dual driver's licence and the private hire operators licence be revoked.

7. REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

(Mr G Goodwill in attendance from 11:20 am until 11:25am)

With the assistance of a report by the Licensing Team (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Committee considered a review for Mr KM whose case had been referred to the Licensing and Protection Sub-Committee for consideration. In conjunction with this, Members were also asked to review Mr KM's fit and proper status to retain a private hire driver's licence.

Copies of relevant documentation in relation to the complaint from a member of the public were provided to the Sub-Committee and Members were advised of the options available to them in respect of this review following a presentation by the Licensing Officer.

Mr KM was then permitted to address the Sub-Committee and Mr GG made representation on his behalf, in doing so took the opportunity to explain further information in relation to his character and the incident which was the subject of the complaint.

Following questions from Members Mr KM then left the meeting to enable Members to make their determination.

The Sub-Committee gave careful consideration to the application, the information within the committee report, the complaint received together with the submission made by the applicant and his representative. The Sub-Committee also took into account the District Council's guidelines relating to the Relevance and Treatment of Convictions, the District Council's Schedule of Conditions of licence, the legislative and policy provisions, statutory guidance and advice from their legal representative.

Whereupon, the Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

that the private hire driver's licence be revoked.

Chair

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