

Licensing & Protection Committee – 18 June 2026

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Executive Councillor for Resident Services &
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Wards
All

Open / Exempt
Open

Key Decision?
No

LICENSING AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Suspension & Revocation of Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licences

Executive Summary: *Officers have delegated authority to refuse, suspend or revoke Private Hire and Hackney Carriage driver/vehicle licences and Private Hire Operators under the powers delegated by the Licensing and Protection Committee*

Recommendations

The Licensing and Protection Committee is RECOMMENDED to:

- 1.1. Members are requested to note and consider the above information
- 1.2. Approve for this report to be sent quarterly by email to all members of the Licensing & Protection Committee

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report covers Q4 figures and is taken from 01 Jan 2026 – 31 March 2026, it includes both suspensions and revocations.

Licence Type	Action Taken	Date action take	Reason
HCV	Revocation	Jan 2026	Vehicle now Cat S after RTC
PHV	Suspension	Jan 2026	Test failed due to various issues with vehicle
HCV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Accident Damage
PHV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Accident damage
PHV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Accident damage
HCV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Test failed due to dangerous defects
HCV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Accident damage
PHV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Test failed due to major defects
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HCV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Test failed due to major defect
PHV	Suspension	Feb 2026	Test failed due to dangerous defects
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	Accident damage
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	vehicle not fit to pass 6 month test
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	Test failed due to dangerous defects
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	Test failed due to major defects
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	failed to carry out 6 month test
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	failed to carry out 6 moth test
HCV	Suspension	March 2026	damage to front wheels
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	Test failed due to major defects
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	Test failed due to major defects
PHV	Suspension	March 2026	Accident Damage

1.2 For vehicles we make reference to Dangerous Defects and Major Defects, at points 1.3 & 1.4 there is a summary of these definitions.

1.3 DANGEROUS VEHICLE DEFECT - SUMMARY

A dangerous defect in a vehicle refers to a fault that poses an immediate risk to driver, passenger, or public safety. These defects typically make the vehicle illegal to drive until repaired.

Key Characteristics:

- Immediate safety risk (e.g., brake failure, steering issues)
- Likely to cause an accident or injury
- Fails MOT with a “dangerous” classification
- Must be repaired before the vehicle can be used on public roads

Examples of Dangerous Defects:

- Severely worn brake pads or discs
- Steering components that are loose or broken
- Tyres with exposed cords or below legal tread depth
- Cracked suspension parts
- Fuel leaks
- Non-functioning headlights or brake lights

1.4 MAJOR VEHICLE DEFECT - SUMMARY

A major defect is a serious fault that affects the safety, environmental impact, or overall roadworthiness of a vehicle. While not necessarily posing an immediate danger, it must be repaired before the vehicle can pass an MOT and be legally driven.

Key Characteristics:

Significant impact on safety or emissions

Fails MOT with a “major” classification

Vehicle may still be driven (unless deemed unsafe), but repairs are required promptly

Examples of Major Defects:

Brake warning light illuminated

Headlamp not working on one side

Exhaust emissions exceeding legal limits

Suspension components worn but not broken

Tyres damaged but not exposing cords

Windscreen wipers not functioning properly

Legal and Safety Implications:

Vehicle fails MOT

Driving may be permitted short-term, but repairs are mandatory

Continued use without repair may lead to dangerous defect classification

1.5 As per the updated Taxi policy in May 2024, officers can issue Penalty Points as a way of disposing with incidents but still allows us to build a picture of driver/operator behaviour.

1.6 Below is a summary of what has been issued for Q4 from January 2026 – March 2026

Licence Type	Reason for Penalty Points	Points awarded
Dual Driver	Failure to declare SP30 X3 DVLA Points	3
HCV	Dangerous defects on 6-month inspection	6
Dual Driver	Dangerous defects on 6-month inspection	6
Dual Driver	Dangerous Defects	6
PHV	Dangerous Defects	6
Dual Driver	Failure to declare SP30 and SP50	6
Dual Driver	Dangerous Defects - x2 tyres	6
PHV	Dangerous Defects - x2 tyres	3

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

Date of original HDC decision	Licence type	Result

2. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

2.1 Since the approval to allow officers to deal with these Taxi matters as part of their delegations, this report has been produced during the L&P meetings, however, to allow for a consistent update, officers will provide the report via email on a quarterly basis

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED & NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 N/A.

4. COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

4.1 N/A

5. POST-DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 N/A.

6. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

6.1 Council Key Priorities and Performance

- *Improving quality of life for local people.*
- *Delivering good quality, high value-for-money services with good control and compliance with statutory obligations.*

6.2 Financial Implications

6.2.1 N/A

6.3 Policy Implications

6.3.1 N/A

6.4 Legal & Constitutional Implications

6.4.1 N/A

6.5 Community Impact

6.5.1 N/A

6.6 Environment & Climate Change Implications

6.6.1 N/A

6.7 Equality & Diversity Implications

6.7.1 N/A

6.8 Implications on Resources

6.8.1 N/A

6.9 Health & Wellbeing Implications

6.9.1 N/A

6.10 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Implications

6.10.1 N/A

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 N/A

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS– LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Document List	Custodian	File Location
Previous report taken to L&P in Jan 2026	Public Protection Manager - Licensing	Report Template