

LICENSING BOARD-SUB-COMMITTEE
20th April, 2026

Present:- Councillor Hughes (in the Chair); Councillors Garnett, Jones, Monk and Thorp.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

35. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

36. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee was informed that a request had been received from Mr. S.K. for consideration of his application for the renewal of his Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence to be deferred due to the unavailability of his legal representative.

Resolved:- That the application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver licence in respect of Mr. S.K. be deferred until a future meeting.

37. EXEMPTION FROM ROTHERHAM MBC HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY REQUIREMENT SECTION 6.7 IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES AS PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES OR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, relating to an application from Mr. S.M. for an exemption from the requirements of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in respect of the licence plate and door signs being affixed to licensed vehicle XXXX ZGB. This request was made on the basis that the vehicle would be used for executive hire and corporate account clients/business executives.

Resolved:- (1) That the request from Mr. M.Q.A. for an exemption from the Council's Licensing Policy in relation to the requirements to affix a licence plate and door signs to his licensed vehicle XXXX ZGB be granted whilst the vehicle was being used for the purposes of "executive hire" only.

(2) That the future annual review and reconfirmation of the exemption be delegated to the Licensing Manager.

38. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE AND EMISSIONS POLICY

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, relating to an application from Mr. B. for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix 1 to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy).

In February 2025 the applicant had submitted an application to renew the vehicle licence, however, the vehicle was aged over 10 years and would only be issued with a licence if the vehicle met the Council's Enhanced or Exceptional Condition Criteria. As the vehicle did not meet the requirements for the Euro 6 Standard, the applicant was advised that the vehicle would only be issued with a licence if it met the Exceptional Condition Criteria.

The applicant was unable to demonstrate that the vehicle met the Exceptional Condition Criteria, but due to his personal circumstances, the Licensing Manager had applied discretion and issued a licence covering a 12 month period expiring on 12th March, 2026. It was made clear that the licence would not be renewed beyond that date.

Another request had been submitted seeking a further exemption from the Council's Policy.

The Sub-Committee considered the reasons for the request in detail.

Mr. B. was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved:- That the request for an exemption from the Licensing Vehicle Age Policy in respect of vehicle XXXX YCX be refused.

39. APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - VEHICLE AGE AND EMISSIONS POLICY

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, relating to an application from Mr. H. for an exemption from the Licensed Vehicle Age Policy (Appendix 1 to the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy).

In April 2025 the applicant had submitted an application to renew the vehicle licence, however, the vehicle was aged over 10 years and would only be issued with a licence if the vehicle met the Council's Enhanced or Exceptional Condition Criteria. As the vehicle did not meet the

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requirements for the Euro 6 Standard, the applicant was advised that the vehicle would only be issued with a licence if it met the Exceptional Condition Criteria.

The applicant was unable to demonstrate that the vehicle met the Exceptional Condition Criteria, but due to his personal circumstances, the Licensing Manager had applied discretion and issued a licence covering a 12 month period expiring on 10th May, 2026. It was made clear that the licence would not be renewed beyond that date.

Another request had been submitted seeking a further exemption from the Council's Policy.

The Sub-Committee considered the reasons for the request in detail.

Mr. H. was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved:- That the request for an exemption from the Licensing Vehicle Age Policy in respect of vehicle XXXX KSF be refused.