

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 4TH MAY, 2022 AT 10.00 AM
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM - TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA,
CO15 1SE**

Present:	Councillors V Guglielmi (Chairman), Casey, Davis and J Henderson
In Attendance:	Linda Trembath (Senior Solicitor (Litigation and Governance) & Deputy Monitoring Officer), Michael Cook (Licensing Manager), Emma King (Licensing Officer), Debbie Bunce (Legal and Governance Administration Officer) and Chloe Blackwell (Licensing Enforcement Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Coley with no substitution.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 26 November 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS - A.1 - HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

The Sub-Committee noted the contents of Report A.1 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's, Vehicles and Operators, licensed by the Council as at 20 April 2022.

Councillor J Henderson asked the Licensing Manager why there had been a reduction in the number of drivers since the last report on 26 November 2021 and he said that it is believed many have decided to give up due to retirement age and the Pandemic but would ask why they are not renewing when they inform us.

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved and seconded, and:-

RESOLVED – That under Schedule 100a(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business to be considered below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

- (a) Exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee held on 26 November 2021.
- (b) Report of Assistant Director (Partnerships)

B.1 – Review of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

B.2 – Review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

6. EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The exempt minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 26 November 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS B.1 - REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE - PLATE NO. T054

RESOLVED – (a) that the Applicant be allowed to continue to licence his Hackney Carriage Vehicle, Plate No. T054 until it reaches 13 years of age; and

(b) that the Licensing Manager reviews the current Policy and present this to a future meeting of the Licensing and Registration Committee for its consideration.

8. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, PARTNERSHIPS - B.2 - REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

RESOLVED that the Sub-Committee will not take any action on this occasion by way of imposing a sanction but when the Applicant next applies for her Licence in August 2022 this Sub-Committee requires her to provide:-

1. a Medical Report from her GP confirming that her health problems, disclosed as being asthma and depression, are under control and that she is fit to work; and
2. A letter from her Employer, signed, dated and on headed notepaper (or failing that confirmation of the Taxi Firm's name), confirming that the Applicant was employed as a Taxi Driver and that they intended to continue employing her in that capacity.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.59 am

Chairman