

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

PRESENT –

Councillor B. Newman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*F. Ahmad
N. Butterworth
M. Iqbal
K. Salter
M. Stone
M. Strickland*

Officers present

<i>Imtiaz Ahmed</i>	<i>Taxi Enforcement Officer</i>
<i>Emma Barker</i>	<i>Legal Services Manager</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –

<i>Mr Akram</i>	<i>Age Limits</i>	<i>Minute No.16</i>
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13. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

14. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

One member of the trade referred to the Council decision to implement measures to improve taxi safety and made particular reference to the vehicle tests required. He stated that the trade had not been consulted, but also asked why their suggestions had not been taken into account.

The trade member was reminded of the level of consultation that had taken place and the opportunities given to the trade to submit their proposals for improving taxi safety. The Council decision had been taken following a recommendation of this Committee.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16. AGE LIMITS

The Committee was asked to consider establishing a Working Group to look at policies across other councils relating to the age of vehicles. It was proposed that the Group compare standards and age limits across other authorities, with particular focus being placed on any positive/negative impacts to changing age-limits.

RESOLVED

That a Working Group is not established and instead, the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to gather the necessary information from councils across Lancashire and report back to the next meeting of this Committee

REASON

To allow the full Committee to consider the information.

17. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person/persons.

18. INTERVIEWS

(a) Report on ASS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report in respect of ASS.

The report had initially been submitted to the 12th August meeting but the matter had been adjourned as ASS had been unable to attend for interview.

ASS was in attendance at this meeting.

It was noted that there had been a change in circumstances since the meeting on 12th August and as a result, a decision was no longer required.

CHAIR _____