

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2026**

PRESENT –

Councillor N. Ashraf (Chair)

Councillors

*F. Ahmad
M. Aslam
A. Bell
M. Iqbal
B. Newman*

Officers present

*Imtiaz Ahmed
Emma Barker
Warren Barraclough-Gray
Lynne Rowland*

*Taxi Licensing Manager
Legal Services Manager
Taxi Enforcement Officer
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N. Butterworth.)

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29. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

Members' attention was also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

30. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

31. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2025 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

32. 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.

33.

INTERVIEWS

(a) Report on SB

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report in respect of SB. SB attended for interview with their legal representative, Zafar Ali (Councillor).

RESOLVED

That SB be granted a temporary six-month private hire driver's licence with 12 penalty points imposed and, should no further issues arise, the licence be renewed as per normal procedures.

(b) Report on AS

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report in respect of AS. AS attended for interview with one representative.

RESOLVED

That AS be granted a private hire driver's licence.

(c) Report on SMA

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

The Taxi Licensing Manager advised Members that, due to work commitments, SMA was unable to attend for interview. The Committee was asked to consider whether to adjourn consideration of the matter or proceed in SMA's absence.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

(d) Report on AA

The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report in respect of AA. AA attended for interview.

RESOLVED

That 9 penalty points be imposed on AA's private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence.

CHAIR _____