

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee
Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)
Councillor B Challenor (Vice-Chair)
Councillors K Denning, J Griffin, D Harley, C Reid, D Roberts, A Taylor and J Thorne

Officers:

N Slym (Assistant Team Manager – Licensing and Waste Enforcement),
S Wright (Solicitor) and K Malpass (Democratic Services Officer)

44. **Apology for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received for this meeting of the Committee.

45. **Appointment of Substitute Members**

There were no substitute Members appointed for this meeting of the Committee.

46. **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, in respect of any matters to be considered at the meeting.

47. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed.

48. **Questions Under Council Procedure Rule 11.8**

There were no questions to the Chair pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.8.

49. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual(s) as defined under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

50. **Change in order of business**

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 1(c), it was:

Resolved

That the order of business be varied, and the agenda items be considered in the order set out in the minutes below.

51. **Renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – MSM**

Following a request from MSM to delay consideration of the renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence, on the grounds of MSM being out of the country, in which evidence was provided, the Committee determined that this item of business be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee to enable MSM to be in attendance.

52. **Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – AA**

Resolved

That following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided at the meeting and having regard to the Committee Guidelines and Statutory Standards, in pursuance of Section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee were satisfied that AA was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore the Private Hire Driver's Licence to AA, be granted.

53. **Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – MU**

Resolved

That following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided at the meeting and having regard to the Committee Guidelines and Statutory Standards, in pursuance of Section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee were satisfied that MU was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, the time that had elapsed since the offence and the fact that MU received the lowest form of sanction for the incident, therefore the Private Hire Driver's Licence to MU, be granted.

54. **Application for Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – SA**

Resolved

That following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided at the meeting and having regard to the Committee Guidelines and Statutory Standards, in pursuance of Section 51 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, taking into consideration the seriousness of SA's actions, as outlined in the report submitted, the Committee were not satisfied that SA was a fit and proper person to hold a licence and therefore, the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

SA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

55. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – MAR**

Resolved

That following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided at the meeting and having regard to the Committee Guidelines and Statutory Standards, in pursuance of Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the Committee were satisfied that MAR was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore, a written warning be issued regarding his future conduct.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

CHAIR