

Meeting of the Taxis Committee

Wednesday 15th October, 2025 at 6.00pm
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Priory Road,
Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 1HF

Agenda

(Meeting open to the public and press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. [To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September, 2025, as a correct record \(Pages 5 to 8\).](#)
5. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).
6. Resolution to exclude the public and press.

Chair to move:

“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 under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, for the reasons stated on the agenda.”

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Monitoring Officer has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the

public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

7. Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – MAR (Pages 9 to 14) (The report contains exempt information relating to an individual).
8. Renewal of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – MSM (Pages 15 to 19) (The report contains exempt information relating to an individual).
9. Application for Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – AA (Pages 20 to 23) (The report contains exempt information relating to an individual).
10. Application for Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – MU (Pages 24 to 27) (The report contains exempt information relating to an individual).
11. Application for Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – SA (Pages 28 to 34) (The report contains exempt information relating to an individual).



Chief Executive
7th October, 2025

Distribution:

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.

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee
Thursday 11th September 2025 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley**

Present:

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

Officers:

N Slym (Assistant Team Manager – Licensing and Waste Enforcement),
S Ahmed-Aziz (Solicitor) and K Buckle (Democratic Services Officer)

31. **Apology for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor J Griffin.

32. **Appointment of Substitute Members**

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

33. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor K Denning declared a non-pecuniary interest as a guide dog user.

34. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

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

36. **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.

37. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – BK**

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, the Committee were satisfied that BK was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore, a strong written warning be issued regarding his future conduct.

38. **Application for Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – DA**

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, the Committee were satisfied that DA was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore the Private Hire Driver's Licence to DA, be granted.

39. **Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – IY**

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, the Committee were satisfied that IY was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore the Private Hire Driver's Licence to IY, be granted.

40. **Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – MWY**

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, the Committee were satisfied that MWY was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore the Private Hire Driver's Licence to MWY, be granted

41. **Application for Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – MH**

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, the Committee were not satisfied that MH was a fit and proper person to hold a licence, in light of his previous conviction, therefore, the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

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

42. **Application for Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – NH**

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, the Committee were satisfied that NH was a fit and proper person to hold a licence given the explanation provided, therefore the Private Hire Driver's Licence to NH, be granted

43. **Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence and Private Hire Operator's Licence – SB**

Resolved

That following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided at the meeting and having regard to Committee Guidelines and Statutory Guidance in pursuance of Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, taking into account SB's numerous offences, and his Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) being suspended, the Committee were not satisfied that SB was a fit and proper person to hold a licence, therefore the private Hire Driver's Licence issued to SB be revoked. The committee further resolved that following the review of the private hire operator's licence no further action would be taken.

Mr SB be informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 8.23pm.

CHAIR