

Minutes of: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 29th July 2025

Present: Councillor T Rafiq (in the Chair)
Councillors A Booth, D Green, J Grimshaw, J Hook, B Ibrahim,
L McBriar, D Quinn, I Rizvi, J Rydeheard and M Walsh

Also in attendance: M Bridge- Licensing Unit Manager
A Bucior- Public Protection
M Cunliffe – Democratic Services
D Rice– Legal Advisor
B Thomson- Assistant Director of Operations Strategy

Public Attendance: No members of the public were present at the meeting.

LSP.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were submitted.

LSP.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

LSP.3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Delegated decision:

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th July 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

LSP.4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions had been pre submitted to the meeting and no members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

LSP.5 OPERATIONAL REPORT

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report advising Members on operational issues within the Licensing Service.

The report set out updates in respect of the following issues:

The Licensing Service had dealt with a number of compliance and enforcement matters between the 30th June and the 13th July 2025.

Shop fined for stocking alcohol after licence was revoked

A Bury off-licence owner has been fined for stocking alcohol on the shelves after his licence was revoked. Bury Council's licensing service has successfully prosecuted Mohzam Ali Shah, who ran the Killon Street Off Licence in Price Street, Bury. The shop's premises licence was revoked in 2024 following a review. Shah appeared before Manchester and Salford Magistrates' Court on the 26th June 2025 and pleaded guilty to displaying alcohol for unauthorised sale and keeping alcohol on the premises for unauthorised sale. The court fined

him £200 and ordered him to pay prosecution costs of £1,087.21 and an £80 victim surcharge. The alcohol was also ordered to be forfeited and destroyed.

Immediate revocation of a private hire driver

The Licensing Service had immediately revoked a private hire drivers licence due to his conduct whilst using his private hire vehicle. The conduct related to the following matters:

- Dangerous Driving
- Failing to stop for Police
- Possession with the intent to supply class A drugs
- Possession of class C drugs.

Licensing Hearing Sub-Committee – New Eagle Coffee Bar

On the 8th July, an application for a temporary event for the New Eagle Coffee Bar, 65 Windsor Road, Prestwich, M25 0DB between the hours of 20.30 and 03.00 on the 17th until the 20th July 2025 was considered by the Council's Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee following an objection notice from Greater Manchester Police. Members of the Sub-Committee heard the evidence both from the applicant, the applicant's representative and Greater Manchester Police and decided to issue a counter notice under the Licensing Act 2003.

Licensing Hearing Sub-Committee – Bolton Wyresdale Amateur Football and Sports Club

On the 14th July, an application for a new premises licence at Bolton Wyresdale Amateur Football and Sports Club, 65 Radcliffe Moor Road, Bolton, BL2 6RF was considered by the Council's Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee following 13 representations from interested parties. Members of the Sub-Committee heard the evidence both from the applicant, the applicant's representative and the representors and decided to grant the application as applied for.

Parklife and Oasis

Officers from the Council's Licensing, Trading Standards and Environmental Health worked in partnership with Greater Manchester Police and other agencies during the two events at Heaton Park. Members would receive an update of the issues identified and action taken at the next meeting.

A Member of the committee asked about progress for the Parklife event review following the number of complaints, including issues with residential parking.

The Assistant Director of Operations Strategy reported a joint debrief on both Parklife and the recent Oasis concerts would be conducted with feedback delivered to a future meeting. He added that confirmation had been received that Parklife would take place again in 2026 and Manchester Council licensed the site with a restriction of 8 events per year.

Delegated decision:

It was agreed that the report be noted.

LSP.6 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was reported at the meeting.

LSP.7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Delegated decision:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business since it involved the likely disclosure of information relating to individuals who hold Licences granted by the Authority or Applicants for Licences provided by the Authority.

LSP.8 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A STREET TRADING CONSENT

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to the application for the Grant of a Street Trader consent. The applicant was in attendance at the meeting alongside a family member. The Chair made introductions and the Council Solicitor outlined the procedure to be followed and clarified that all those present had read the report. The report, which was accepted by the applicant and presented by the Licensing Manager, set out the reasons for the application being before the Committee.

The applicant had made a new application for a Street Trader Consent to Bury Council on the 22nd April 2025.

The Licensing Unit Manager reported and presented background information to the Committee on this application which was included in the report contained within the private agenda pack.

A number of Members asked questions in relation to the application.

Delegated decision:

The Committee carefully considered the report and oral representations by the applicant and their family representative.

Taking into account the provisions of schedule 4 (7) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, the Committee resolved unanimously **to refuse the application for the grant of a Street Trader Consent.**

There was no right of appeal against the decision.

LSP.9 SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF PUBLIC / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES

Licence Holder 9/2025

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to Licence Holder 9/2025 who was in attendance at the meeting alongside a family member and legal representative. The Chair made introductions and alongside the legal advisor outlined the procedure to be followed and clarified that all those present had read the report. The report, which was accepted by the Licence Holder was presented by the Licensing Unit Manager and set out the reasons for the Licence Holder being before the Committee.

The Licensing Unit Manager reported and presented background information to the Committee on this case which was included in the report contained within the private agenda pack.

A number of Members asked questions in relation to the case.

The driver was before members for consideration to be given as to his suitability to be a private hire driver in Bury.

Delegated decision:

The Committee carefully considered the report and oral representations by the Licence Holder and their representative.

Taking into account the Council's Conviction Policy and Guidelines and in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee resolved **to admonish the licensee as to future conduct.**

Licence Holder 10/2025

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to Licence Holder 10/2025 who was in attendance at the meeting alongside their legal representative. The Chair made introductions and alongside the legal advisor outlined the procedure to be followed and clarified that all those present had read the report. The report, which was accepted by the Licence Holder was presented by the Licensing Unit Manager and set out the reasons for the Licence Holder being before the Committee.

The Licensing Unit Manager reported and presented background information to the Committee on this case which was included in the report contained within the private agenda pack.

A number of Members asked questions in relation to the case.

The driver was before members for consideration to be given as to his suitability to be a private hire driver in Bury and hold a private hire operator's licence.

Delegated decision:

The Committee carefully considered the report and oral representations by the Licence Holder and their representative.

Taking into account the Council's Conviction Policy and Guidelines and in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee resolved **to admonish the licensee as to future conduct.**

LSP.10 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

Client Number 11/2025

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to applicant 11/2025. The Licensing Unit Manager reported that this applicant was out of the country and had communicated they would not be present this evening. However, they had advised and emailed in writing that they wished for the case to be determined by the Licensing Committee in their absence.

The Chair along with the Legal Advisor outlined the procedure to be followed and clarified that all those present had read the report. The report was presented by the Licensing Unit Manager, set out the reasons for the applicant being before the Committee.

The Licensing Unit Manager reported and presented background information to the Committee on this application which was included in the report contained within the private agenda pack.

A number of Members asked questions in relation to the application.

The applicant was before members for consideration to be given as to his suitability to be a private hire driver in Bury.

Delegated decision:

The Committee carefully considered the report at the meeting.

Taking into account the Council's Conviction Policy and Guidelines and in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, and the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State under section 177 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017, the Committee resolved **to grant the application for a three-year period** and felt the applicant was a "fit and proper" person to hold a public / private hire driver licence.

COUNCILLOR T RAFIQ
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.05pm and ended at 9.15pm)