

Minutes of: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 21st July 2026

Present: Councillor B Ibrahim (in the Chair)
Councillors N Bayley, D Green, D Hill, A Quinn, D Quinn,
I Rizvi, J Rydeheard, K Simpson and M Walsh

Also in attendance: M Bridge- Licensing Unit Manager
A Bucior- Head of Public Protection
M Cunliffe – Democratic Services
S Lyth – Legal Advisor
B Thomson- Assistant Director Public Protection & Resilience
S Kazam- Legal Observer
L Scully - Legal Observer

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

LSP.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors M Hayes and J Hook.
Councillor N Bayley acted as a substitute representative for Councillor Hayes.
There was no substitute representative for Councillor Hook.

LSP.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

LSP.3 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.4 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was reported at the meeting.

LSP.5 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.6 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

Client Number 04/2026

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to applicant 04/2026, who was in attendance at the meeting. The Chair made introductions and along with 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 applicant and 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 case.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions in relation to the case.

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 along with the oral representations by the applicant 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 refuse the application** and felt the applicant was not a "fit and proper" person to hold a public / private hire driver licence.

The applicant was informed of their right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of receiving written notification.

Client Number 05/2026

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to applicant 05/2026, who was in attendance at the meeting alongside a family member helping to represent them. The Chair made introductions and along with 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 applicant and 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 case.

Members of the Committee asked a number of questions in relation to the case.

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 along with the oral representations by the applicant 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 unanimously **to refuse the application** and felt the applicant was not a "fit and proper" person to hold a public / private hire driver licence.

The applicant was informed of their right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of receiving written notification.

COUNCILLOR B IBRAHIM
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.10pm and ended at 9.10pm)