

AGENDA FOR

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE



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To: All Members of Licensing and Safety Committee

Councillors : B Ibrahim (Chair),
D Green, M Hayes, D Hill, J Hook, A Quinn, D Quinn,
I Rizvi, J Rydeheard, K Simpson and M Walsh

Dear Member/Colleague

Licensing and Safety Committee

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 10 September 2026
Place:	Council Chamber, Bury Town Hall
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	A drop in briefing for Members will take place from 6.30pm in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters on the agenda, and if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) *(Pages 3 - 12)*

The minutes of the meetings held on the 9th and 21st July 2026 are attached. Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee are asked to consider whether these are a correct record of the meeting, and if so, to formally approve them.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting on any matters for which this Committee is responsible. Questions from members of the public may only be asked if notice has been given no later than midday two days before the day of the meeting.

A questioner who is present at the meeting and who has submitted a written question may, at the discretion of the Chair, ask one supplementary question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. A question must relate to an item included on the agenda, referenced in the Minutes or an area to which the committee has responsibility.

5 OPERATIONAL REPORT *(Pages 13 - 20)*

A report from the Executive Director (Corporate Core) is attached.

6 URGENT BUSINESS

Any other business, which by reason of special circumstances, the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

7 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the appropriate resolution under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business since it involves the likely disclosure of the exempt information stated.

8 SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF PUBLIC / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES *(Pages 21 - 34)*

A report from the Executive Director (Corporate Core) is attached.

Minutes of: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 9th July 2026

Present: Councillor B Ibrahim (in the Chair)
Councillors D Green, M Hayes, D Hill, J Hook, 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
Shelagh Lyth – Legal Advisor

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 B Thomson- Assistant Director Public Protection & Resilience.

LSP.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Rydeheard placed on record in relation to agenda item 9, he knew the representative of the driver. He would therefore remain in the meeting during deliberation of this application but would abstain and take no part in the voting process.

LSP.3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Delegated decision:

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th June 2026 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 25th May to the 14th June 2026.

A Member asked what we can do as a Council to help support these activities and another Member commented on heavy workloads for the service. The Licensing Unit Manager reported that a good working relationship was currently in place with the Police. This helped with intelligence reporting on issues such as illicit tobacco and agencies all working together which included Trading Standards.

Delegated decision:

It was agreed that the report be noted.

LSP.6 UPDATE REPORT

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

The report set out updates in respect of matters that the Licensing service are or have been involved with:

PURPLE FLAG

Purple Flag is an accreditation process similar to the Green Flag award for parks and the Blue Flag for beaches. It leads to Purple Flag status for town & city centres that meet or surpass the standards of excellence in managing the evening and night time economy (ENTE).

Bury has held Purple Flag for over 10 years now and the town centres achieve a Purple Flag will be those that are safe, diverse, vibrant, appealing, well-managed and offer a positive experience to consumers.

Officers from the Licensing Service took part in the internal assessment for the Purple Flag Assessment with other colleagues within the Council. The internal assessment will be sent to the ATCM (Association of Town and City Management) for review and approval.

Whilst undertaking the internal assessment, the officers visited the Street Pastors who work in the Town Centre providing support to patrons in the town and have a good links with the Council, Greater Manchester Police and other partners to ensure that core standards are upheld.

DRAFT TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (PHV) BILL – KEY REFORMS AND LOCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Government has announced a draft Bill representing the most significant overhaul of taxi and private hire legislation in more than a century. The reforms aim to modernise an outdated system, strengthen public safety, and introduce a consistent national framework across England.

The Bill responds to longstanding concerns about safeguarding, inconsistent enforcement, and cross-border working, including recommendations from Baroness Casey's review into child sexual exploitation.

CCTV

Bury Council does not currently have an adopted policy mandating CCTV or covering the installation or standard/requirement(s) of CCTV systems within licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

The Council has previously explored the introduction of a CCTV trial which requires funding. Application for ARIS funding to support a pilot scheme, working in partnership with Greater Manchester Police was unfortunately unsuccessful and consequently there are no opportunities to run a pilot scheme.

During the implementation of the Greater Manchester Common Minimum Licensing Standards (CMLS), the issue of mandating CCTV was considered. Views within the licensed trade were polarising. A proportion of drivers and proprietors recognise the potential benefits of CCTV, particularly in relation to driver and passenger safety, crime prevention and evidential value. However, others within the trade expressed strong concerns regarding necessity, cost, and privacy. It was also indicated that introducing a mandatory requirement could result in significant opposition, including the potential for industrial action.

The issue has been discussed at length at Trade Liaison Meetings with membership indicating equally strong polarising views on either side of the argument to mandate/not mandate CCTV.

TRADE LIAISON MEETING

Members were provided with an update on the key matters discussed at the Trade Liaison Meeting held in June which discussed relevant operational, policy and strategic issues impacting the licensed trade.

The Trade Liaison meeting forms part of ongoing engagement between the Licensing Service, elected Members, Greater Manchester Police and representatives of the hackney carriage and private hire trade. The meeting considers operational issues, policy development and emerging risks affecting the sector.

The Chair commented that PC Eccleston who attends the Licensing Hearing Sub Committees also sits on the Trade Liaison meetings to help cement communications.

A number of Members asked questions on the report including taxi rank misuse, capacity issues within the enforcement team and local trade figures with the Licensing Unit Manager providing answers to these queries.

A Member enquired about the PHV Bill and supporting a fair and sustainable licensing environment for the sector. The Licensing Unit Manager reported that more information would follow, and this would be brought back to a future committee.

Delegated decision:

It was agreed that the report be noted.

No urgent business was reported at the meeting.

LSP.8 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.9 SUSPENSION / REVOCATION OF PUBLIC / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES

Licence Holder 02/2026

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to client number 02/2026, who was in attendance at the meeting alongside their 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 him 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 Licence Holder was before Members for consideration to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver and Operator's Licence in Bury.

Delegated decision:

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

Private hire drivers licence

Taking into account the Council's Conviction Policy and Guidelines and in accordance with the powers granted under Section 61(1)(b) and (2A) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee resolved **to admonish the Private Hire Driver licensee as to future conduct.**

Private hire Operators Licence

Taking into account the Council's Conviction Policy and Guidelines and in accordance with the powers granted under Section 61(1)(b) and (2A) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee resolved **to admonish the Operator licensee as to future conduct.**

The Committee had given careful consideration to the evidence provided.

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

LSP.10 APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

Client Number 03/2026

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to applicant 03/2026, 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 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.

The driver 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 7.15pm and ended at 9.40pm)

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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)

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Classification	Item No.
Open / Closed	

Meeting:	Licensing and Safety Committee
Meeting date:	10 September 2026
Title of report:	Operational Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Corporate Core)
Decision Type:	N/A Report for information only
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

A report to advise members on operational issues within the Licensing service.

Recommendation(s)

That the report be noted.

Key considerations

Not applicable

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The report advises Members on operational issues within the Licensing service.

2.0 COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT

2.1 The table below shows the dealing that the Licensing Service have dealt with since the last Committee meeting in July until the 28 August 2026 in respect of Clients and Vehicles

3.0 Enforcement Action	Number of Actions	Summary of Actions	Action Taken
Missing signage	2	Vehicles found without required licence signage/display requirements.	Advice given / update recorded.
Ranking infringement	1	Vehicle reported for ranking infringement.	Written warning issued.
Damaged vehicle	10	Vehicles reported with damage requiring investigation or inspection.	Emailed proprietor, noted, suspended, or suspension lifted depending on circumstances.
Missed Interim Inspection	4	Vehicles failed to attend required interim inspection.	Immediate suspension of vehicle licence.
Vehicle licence revocation	2	Vehicles exceeded permitted suspension period.	Vehicle licence revoked.
Licence cancelled/surrendered	4	Licences cancelled following updates, accidents or proprietor surrender.	Licence surrendered and cancelled.
DBS Non-Compliance	2	Drivers failed to maintain DBS requirements or DBS update service requirements.	Immediate suspension.
Failure to return badge	1	Driver failed to return issued badge when required.	Written warning issued.
Driver conduct complaint	1	Complaint regarding driver conduct.	Written warning issued.
Overcharging complaint	1	Complaint alleging fare overcharging.	Matter noted/investigated.
Miscellaneous complaints/issues	3	General complaints, updates and miscellaneous matters.	Noted or written advice provided.

Convictions declared	2	Drivers disclosed convictions to the Licensing Authority.	Information noted and reviewed.
Information requests	1	Request for information received.	Information provided.

Enforcement Action Totals

Outcome	Number
Immediate Suspensions	6
Written Warnings	3
Revocations	2
Licence Cancellations/Surrenders	4
Advice/Information Provided	4
Matters Noted/Recorded	8
Suspension Lifted	4

2.2 The table below shows the dealing that the Licensing Service have dealt with since the last Committee meeting in respect of premises:-

Enforcement Action	Number of Actions	Summary of Actions	Action Taken
Underage Sales / Underage Persons on Premises	2	Reports relating to underage persons being present on licensed premises.	Referred to GMP and follow-up night visit arranged.
Incorrect Summary Display	2	Premises found not to be correctly displaying the premises licence summary.	Advice provided or premises visit arranged
Anti-Social Behaviour	2	Complaints and incidents relating to anti-social behaviour associated with licensed premises.	Advice given or further update pending.
Business Liquidation	2	Premises subject to liquidation proceedings affecting licence status.	Advice given or licence lapsed.

Blue Notice Checks	8	Compliance checks undertaken to confirm display of statutory blue notices.	Notices either observed as displayed or not displayed.
Unlicensed Activity	1	Premises identified as potentially undertaking licensable activities without the required authorisation.	Written warning issued.
Violent Incident	1	Intelligence received regarding a violent incident at licensed premises.	Action Plan implemented.
Multi-Agency Visit	1	Joint inspection identified drug paraphernalia at premises.	Advice given following visit.
Illicit Cigarettes	1	Trading Standards investigation identified illicit tobacco products.	Trading Standards seizure undertaken.
Miscellaneous Trading Standards Matter	1	Miscellaneous compliance matter investigated by Trading Standards.	Trading Standards seizure undertaken.
Intelligence Report	1	Intelligence received concerning licensed premises.	Information noted for monitoring purposes.
Assault Complaint	1	Assault-related complaint associated with licensed premises.	Correspondence sent to premises.
Compliance Inspection	1	Routine premises inspection undertaken.	All found to be in order.

Summary of Enforcement Outcomes

Outcome	Number of Actions
Advice Given	5
Written Warnings	1
Referrals to GMP	1
Action Plans Implemented	1
Trading Standards Seizures	2
Visits Arranged	1
Emailed Correspondence	1

Intelligence Noted	1
Licence Lapsed	1
Updates Pending	1
Compliance Confirmed	1

3.0 LICENSING HEARINGS SUB- COMMITTEES

- 3.1 On the 8 April 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of a premises licence for Radcliffe Snooker Club, Abden Street, Radcliffe. The application was submitted by Greater Manchester Police. Members considered the application and decided to modify the conditions on the premises licence.
- 3.2 On the 14 April 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of Central Café. The application attracted representations from Greater Manchester Police and two interested parties. Members considered the application and decided to grant the application and modified the conditions in relation to hours.
- 3.3 On the 24 April 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the review of a premises licence for the Black Bull, Ainsworth Road, Starling, Bury. The application was submitted by five interested parties. Members considered the application and decided to take no further action.
- 3.4 On the 6 July 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered a personal licence where the holder had convictions, Members considered the application and decided to defer the application to allow for further legal information to be sort and for GMP and the licence holder to seek their own independent legal advice.
- 3.5 On the 27 August 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a new premises licence in respect of Bill and Co, 9 Square Street, Ramsbottom. The application attracted representations from four interested parties. Members considered the application and decided to grant the application and modified the hours.

4.0 IMMEDIATE SUSPENSIONS

41. Following consultation with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee, the licensing Service have immediately suspended 6 drivers due to them no longer being registered on the DBS update Service

5.0 PRIVATE HIRE SUPPORT FUND

- 5.1 Members are advised that Bury Council is supporting the Greater Manchester Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) Support Fund, a regional initiative aimed at improving air quality by assisting eligible private hire vehicle proprietors to replace older, non-compliant vehicles with cleaner alternatives.

- 5.2 The £2 million fund will provide grants of up to £2,500 to eligible private hire vehicle licence holders to replace non-compliant vehicles. The scheme is being administered by the Growth Company on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester local authorities.
- 5.3 The fund is targeted at proprietors of diesel-powered private hire vehicles first registered before 1 September 2015 that do not meet the required emissions standards. Eligible applicants will be able to apply for financial assistance towards the purchase of a compliant replacement vehicle, including zero-emission capable vehicles and vehicles meeting the required Euro emissions standards. Wheelchair accessible vehicles replaced through the scheme must be replaced with another wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- 5.4 Ahead of the fund opening in September 2026, Bury Council has issued communications to all licensed private hire vehicle proprietors to ensure that those who may be eligible are aware of the support available. Licence holders have been directed to an online eligibility checker and encouraged to begin considering suitable replacement vehicles where appropriate.
- 5.5 Once the fund opens, eligible applicants will be required to submit an application through a dedicated portal and provide the necessary supporting documentation. Successful applicants will receive a Fund Award Notification and will have four months to purchase and licence a compliant replacement vehicle before grant payment is released. The grant will be paid following submission of evidence that the replacement vehicle has been licensed with the local authority.

6.0 TRADE LIAISON MEETING

- 6.1 On the 7 September 2026, the Licensing Service held trade liaison meeting with the Hackney and Private Trade. A verbal update will be given at this meeting

Community impact / links with Community Strategy

Not applicable

Equality Impact and considerations:

24. *Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:*

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;*
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;*

- (c) *foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.*

25. *The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.*

Equality Analysis	<i>Please provide a written explanation of the outcome(s) of either conducting an initial or full EA.</i>
<i>The Licensing Service have considered the Equality Act 2010 and due to each application being dealt with on its own merits there is no positive or negative on any of the protected characteristics.</i>	

Assessment of Risk:

The following risks apply to the decision:

Risk / opportunity	Mitigation
None	.

Consultation:

Not applicable

Legal Implications:

Not applicable

Financial Implications:

Not Applicable

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Please include a glossary of terms, abbreviations and acronyms used in this report.

Term	Meaning
None	

By virtue of paragraph(s) 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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