

Minutes of: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 11th June 2026

Present: Councillor B Ibrahim (in the Chair)
Councillors D Green, M Hayes, D Hill, J Hook, M Rahimov, I Rizvi,
J Rydeheard, K Simpson, G Staples-Jones and M Walsh

Also in attendance: L Bell- Deputy Licensing Unit Officer
M Bridge- Licensing Unit Manager
A Bucior- Head of Public Protection
M Cunliffe – Democratic Services
Shelagh Lyth – Legal Advisor
B Thomson- Assistant Director Public Protection & Resilience

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 Councillor A Quinn and D Quinn.
Councillors G Staples-Jones and M Rahimov acted as substitute representatives for
Councillors A Quinn and D Quinn.

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 16th April 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 6th April to the 24th May 2026.

LICENSING HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEES

On the 12th March 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered a review application
in respect of the Overdraft, 28/30 Blackburn Street, Radcliffe, M26 1NQ.

The sub-committee carefully considered all the representations and evidence provided. It was therefore unanimously resolved to take no further action in order to promote the licensing objectives.

The Sub-Committee was therefore satisfied that with the change in management there were no grounds of concern to administer any modifications or amendments to the current premises licence with all current conditions remaining in place.

On the 16th March 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered a variation application in respect of the Hideout Gastro Bar, 2 Sherbourne Street, Prestwich, M25 3BB. The sub-committee carefully considered all the representations and evidence provided.

It was therefore agreed that the Sub-Committee unanimously grant the variation in the terms requested subject to an additional condition 13A on the operating schedule to state that no speakers or sound system should be fixed or placed adjacent to the party wall to the neighbouring property.

Also on the 16th March 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered a grant application for a premises licence in respect of Touch of Spice, 32 Church Street West, Radcliffe, M26 2SQ.

All of the evidence was considered with care, and it was established that having understood the application and equally noting and understanding the representations, the Sub-Committee found there were no causes for concern so far as the promotion of the licensing objectives were concerned.

The application was similar to the previous licence held at the premises until recently and there had been no formal complaints made in the past about noise nuisance. To address any concerns for the representor, an adjustment was made to shorten the opening times and the hours for late night refreshment from those requested in the application. It was therefore agreed that the Sub-Committee unanimously grant the application subject to amending the conditions as detailed above.

On the 20th March 2026, a Licensing Hearings Sub-Committee considered a grant application a premises licence in respect of the Daily Connects, 480a Bury Old Road, Prestwich, M25 1NL. The sub-committee carefully considered all the representations, evidence provided and it was established that having understood the application and equally noting and understanding the representations, the Sub-Committee found there were causes for concern so far as the promotion of the licensing objectives were concerned in relation to:-

- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety
- The protection of children from harm

It was therefore agreed unanimously that the Sub-Committee refuse the application.

TRADE LIAISON MEETING

The Licensing Service held a Trade Liaison Meeting on the 1st June 2026, with the representatives of the Taxi Trade. No items for the agenda were put forward by the trade for discussion and the Licensing Service updated the representatives on the following matters:-

- Hackney Support Funding
- Private Hire Funding

- Government announce taxi review following Kings Speech
- DBS Update service
- Website Changes – Reporting Convictions
- Review of Convictions Guidelines – last updated December 2014
- Private Hire Wheelchair accessible vehicles
- Hackney Carriages Update

Minutes would be circulated once they have been produced and will be placed on the Council's website.

PURPLE FLAG

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 would be sent to the ATCM (Association of Town and City Management) for review and approval. The Licensing Service would update members in due course.

A Member asked if the contribution by the street pastor team would be included in the internal assessment of the purple flag scheme.

A Member commented if there was an update on the funding for private hire vehicles as discussed in previous meetings whilst another Member asked about locked in timescales. The Licensing Unit Manager provided an explanation and advised TFGM were still working on this and there may be an update available later in the summer.

A Member commented on condition 14 listed for a Licensing Hearing Sub Committee which took place on the 16th March and queried the HM Forces Warrant card as identification.

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 CONSIDERATION OF DRIVER SUITABILITY TO WORK ON THE HOME TO SCHOOL & COLLEGE TRANSPORT CONTRACT

Nicola Hudson, the Council's Transport & Contracts Manager, submitted a report relating to the suitability of an individual PSV Driver to authorise them to work on a home-to-school contract.

The Chair informed the meeting that the individual had been in contact to advise that they no longer wished to be considered as a PSV driver on the Home to School Transport contract.

Therefore, the item would be withdrawn from the agenda.

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

Licence Holder 01/2026

The Executive Director (Corporate Core) submitted a report relating to client number 01/2026, 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 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 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 legal representative.

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 immediately suspend the licence for a period of 3 months.**

The Committee had given careful consideration to the evidence provided in relation to the case and previous background information.

The Committee concluded a period of suspension was necessary and proportionate.

The Committee were also satisfied that immediate suspension was required in the interests of public safety.

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 7.00pm and ended at 8.40pm)