

# **REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE**

## **AGENDA**



**Friday 2 May 2025**

**at 10.00am**

**in Committee Room C  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

**MEMBERS: REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Councillors Clayton, Darby, Dunbar (C) and Nelson

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
  - 3.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting of Regulatory Sub-Committee held on 14 March 2025
- 4. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

No items
- 5. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**
- 6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006**

### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

### **CIVIC CENTRE EVACUATION AND ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE**

In the event of a fire alarm or a bomb alarm, please leave by the nearest emergency exit as directed by Council Officers. A Fire Alarm is a continuous ringing. A Bomb Alarm is a continuous tone. The Assembly Point for everyone is Victory Square by the Cenotaph. If the meeting has to be evacuated, please proceed to the Assembly Point so that you can be safely accounted for.

**7. EXEMPT ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 7.1 Private Hire Driver Licence JBA (para 1) – *Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)*
- 7.2 Private Hire Driver Licence VC (para 1) – *Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)*

**8. ANY OTHER EXEMPT ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**



## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **Procedure for Contentious Matters Relating To Regulatory Sub Committee**

The hearing will be in private and not open to the press or members of the public. The applicant/ appellant will be entitled to be represented by a solicitor or other person.

In advance of the commencement of the meeting (or consideration of an individual case) the Democratic Services Officer shall establish the identity of those present, who they represent and who intends, or wishes, to speak. The officer should also if possible, outline the procedure to the representatives before the meeting commences.

1. Chairman's opening comments.
2. The Democratic Services Officer representative will indicate which parties are present at the meeting and will briefly outline the procedure (if not already done).
3. The Assistant Director (Regulatory Services), or representative, will outline the facts, adding any additional information as is necessary.
4. Members of the Committee will have an opportunity to ask any questions of the officer.
5. The Assistant Director (Regulatory Services), or representative will call any further witnesses or persons (including a Police Officer) to comment. Members will again have the opportunity to ask questions.
6. The applicant/appellant (or representative) will then put his/her case.
7. Members of the Committee will have an opportunity to ask any questions of the applicant/ appellant.
8. The applicant/appellant (or nominated representative) may call further witnesses or persons to comment. Members will again have the opportunity to ask questions.
9. All persons other than Committee members will then withdraw whilst the matter is considered and a decision reached.
10. Should members require further information at stage, all parties are to be invited to return.
11. All parties will be recalled to hear the decision of the members.

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12. Should the decision go against the applicant/appellant, he/she will be informed verbally of the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.
13. The decision will then be communicated to the applicant/appellant in writing as soon as practicable together with details of the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

### **NOTES**

Members of the Committee should ask only specific relevant questions and avoid debating the issue until all parties have withdrawn.

Only members present during the whole of the hearing should be involved in the decision making process.

An application for adjournment should be granted by the Chairperson at any time during the proceedings, if it is felt that the applicant/appellant is not receiving a fair hearing.

### **NO CROSS EXAMINATION IS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE MEETING.**

Each party is to be allowed to make representation to the Members without interruption.

## **REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

14 March 2025

The meeting commenced at 10.00am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor: Gary Allen (In the Chair)

Councillors: Quewone Bailey-Fleet, Matthew Dodds and Michael Jorgeson

Officers: Rachael Readman, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager  
Gemma Redfern, Solicitor  
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

#### **23. Apologies for Absence**

None

#### **24. Declarations of interest by Members**

None

#### **25. To approve the minutes of the meetings of Regulatory Sub-Committee held on 22 November 2024 and 5 December 2024.**

Minutes approved

#### **26. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation Order) 2006**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 27 – Private Hire Driver Licence DS – This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely, information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information) (para. 1).

- 27. Private Hire Driver Licence DS** *(Assistant Director (Regulatory Services))* This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely (para 1) information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Members were asked to consider what action, if any, should be taken against a licensed Private Hire driver. Further details in the exempt minutes.

**Decision**

Detailed in the exempt minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10:40am.

CHAIR