

Cheltenham Borough Council Licensing Sub-Committee - Miscellaneous Minutes

Meeting date: 1 October 2025

Meeting time: 6.00 pm - 9.10 pm

In attendance:

Councillors:

Angie Boyes, Dr Helen Pemberton, Julie Sankey and Simon Wheeler

Also in attendance:

Michelle Bignell (Licensing and Public Protection Manager), Vikki Fennell (Senior Lawyer, One Legal), Jacob Doleman (Licensing Officer) and Jake Johnston (Senior Licensing Officer)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Willingham.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sankey declared that she works for Child Social Services but she had no knowledge of item number 7.

3 Public Question

The questioner was not present but had received the response to his question.

4 Local Government Act 1972

The Chair read the following statement and Members voted unanimously to enter exempt session.

That in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining agenda items as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 and 2, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:

Paragraph 1; Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2; Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

5 Review of a hackney carriage driver's licence

The Licensing Officer introduced the report as published and answered Members' questions.

The driver's representative addressed the committee and responded to Members' questions.

Following debate in closed session, Members voted to issue a written warning and a requirement that the driver undertake a training course run by Reed.co.uk (Course 1 and Course 4) or similar on car maintenance and driver safety and road safety law within 3 months and provide a copy of the certificates to the licensing authority.

6 Review of a hackney carriage driver's licence

The Licensing Officer introduced the report as published.

The driver addressed the committee and responded to Members' questions.

Following debate in closed session, Members voted to suspend the driver's license with immediate effect on the grounds of public safety and defer until the next committee for him to seek legal representation.

7 Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence

The Licensing Officer introduced the report as published and responded to Members' questions.

Officers from the County Council responded to Members' questions.

The driver addressed the committee and responded to Members' questions.

Following Members' debate, which took place in front of the driver and the GCC officers, Members voted that no further action should be taken.

8 Any Other Items the Chairman Determines Urgent and Which Requires a Decision

There were none.