

Cheltenham Borough Council Licensing Sub-Committee - Miscellaneous Minutes

Meeting date: 15 April 2026

Meeting time: 6.00 pm - 6.40 pm

In attendance:

Councillors:

Angie Boyes, Simon Wheeler, Dr David Willingham and Dr Steve Steinhardt

Also in attendance:

Vikki Fennell (Senior Lawyer, One Legal) Jake Johnstone (Senior Licensing Officer)

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Pemberton and Sankey, Cllr Steinhardt attended as a substitute.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3 Local Government Act 1972

Members unanimously voted on the following:

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

The meeting entered exempt session

4 Application to Renew a Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Senior Licensing Officer introduced the report.

The applicant addressed the committee and responded to Member questions, he was then given the final right of reply.

The committee adjourned to debate the matter and make their decision.

The committee returned and delivered the following :

The committee has been informed of two offences for which the applicant has been convicted recently in the magistrates court both relating to the taxi profession and for one he received the maximum fine available to the court and the committee are extremely concerned by this.

The applicant has allowed and encouraged a further offence to be committed when he should have known better given that he had been working in the taxi profession for almost 30 years.

The applicant had not done the safeguarding certificate within a reasonable time.

There is no exceptional circumstance given to the committee which the committee is allowed to take into account that would lead it to deviate from the Council's policy

To that end the unanimous decision of the committee is to refuse to renew the licence

The applicant was informed of his right of appeal within 21 days to the local magistrates court

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

There were none.

The next meeting will be of the Full Committee 3rd June 2026.