

LICENSING COMMITTEE

PROCEDURE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE APPLICATIONS AND REVIEWS OF EXISTING LICENSED DRIVERS

STEP	DESCRIPTION
1.	The Chair to welcome and introduce the applicant/licence holder to all parties present.
2.	Solicitor to ask the applicant/licence holder to confirm that he/she has received the report and the Committee procedures. If applicant confirms same, move onto step 4.
3.	If it should occur that the applicant/licence holder states that the report has not been received, then such matter will be addressed at this stage. Members may wish to consider adjourning the matter, for a short period, in order for the applicant/licence holder to read the report.
4.	Head of Planning and Public Protection (or representative) briefly introduces the application/review
5.	The applicant/licence holder is requested to present his/her case The applicant/licence holder can call any witnesses he/she chooses in support of the application, for which advance notice should have been given to the Licensing Officers.
6.	Committee Members can question the applicant/licence holder and or his witnesses
7.	Technical officers are invited to present any findings (Licensing/Community Enforcement, First Contact Team (Social Services), School Transport.)
8.	The Committee Members followed by the applicant/licence holder can ask questions of the technical officers
9.	The applicant/licence holder will be invited to make a final statement, if they so wish
10.	The following will be requested to leave the meeting whilst the application/review is discussed by Members – the applicant/licence holder, all third parties, Head of Planning and Public Protection, technical officers NB The only people remaining should be – Committee Members, translator, committee's legal adviser and the minute taker

11.	The committee members will consider the application/review taking into account the evidence heard
12	Should Committee Members prove it necessary to recommence the asking of questions and recall any party to provide further information or clarification, all persons who have withdrawn from the meeting will be invited to return. After the question(s) have been determined all third parties will be asked to withdraw again for Members to consider all evidence.
13.	When the Members have reached their decision, all parties will be recalled and the applicant/licence holder will be informed of the Members decision by the Chairman.
14.	The Chair will inform the applicant/licence holder of the decision reached. This will include any specific conditions or penalties which may have been imposed. If necessary the Council's Solicitor to provide further clarification of the decision and its implications to the applicant/licence holder.
15.	If the decision is to refuse or there is a decision to suspend or revoke, the Council's Solicitor to inform the applicant/licence holder of the right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court (the decision letter will also include these details).
16.	<p>For an existing licensed driver (issued by Denbighshire), and the decision involves a resolution by the Committee to suspend or revoke the existing licence, Members may do so under either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 61 (2A) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. 2. Section 61 (2B) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This decision will have IMMEDIATE EFFECT and can only be used when the grounds for suspension/revocation are a public safety matter. <p>The Solicitor will explain to the licence holder the implications of the decision.</p>
17.	The applicant/licence holder will be informed of the decision in writing as soon as practicable.
18.	The applicant/licence holder will be invited to discuss any matter they are unsure of with Licensing Officers after the Committee